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**capoward**

07 July 2010, 03:12

**Terminal Bullet Performance**

quote:

Originally posted by michael458:

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Who is With Me?

Michael

+1 @

Jim

"Life's hard; it's harder if you're stupid"

John Wayne

**capoward**

07 July 2010, 03:19

Here is the lineup. All are .500 caliber. Since this photo, Sam did make some round nose versions to start things off with. I will be testing in a 1:12 twist rate barrel. I am not sure of whether it will be one of the 50 B&Ms or the 500 MDM yet until I get my hands on the bullets. Sam says they are going in the post this week to me, so when in hand I will set the test up and possibly start on them next week. This will be one to pay very close attention to.



Michael,

As the 50 B&M and 500 MDM utilize the same 12" twist rate barrels...I recommend that you use that AI Turkish Walnut stocked 50 B&M for the testing as this will assure that the extra velocity of the 500 MDM does not skew the within mass penetration results.

Jim

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**capoward**

07 July 2010, 03:22

I like the 70% meplat bullets...but those 50%ers would make real nice hollow points!

Jim

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John Wayne

**boom stick**

07 July 2010, 03:43

How about some 65% ones made from aluminum?

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michael458

07 July 2010, 03:58

Boomy

One thing at a time please! I am already behind on the test work, still have 9.3s that Sam sent down, I was hoping to get to those this week. And I think I have something left over from last week too?

Michael

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**boom stick**

07 July 2010, 04:07

Yes, you are a busy bee. Excited to see these tests! I'll cut back on the coffee ☕

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**srose**

07 July 2010, 06:40

Geez guys! First you said one wasn't enough for a proper test that you needed two to test. Now you're saying 4, 10 or 100. Come on!

Michael now that I have it figured out if you see one style that needs more testing I can make more of the same. I'm sure now someone will say they are too light or too heavy. I think you have plenty of work to do with two each at this point. You have tons of paper to water down and stack so I think I have some time to relax a bit. Give my bastard file a rest because it got so hot the temper is out of it.

I mailed them today so you should have them by Thursday.

Sam

**RIP**

07 July 2010, 07:20

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The .458 WinMag logo with a round nose solid is indeed a big bore kind of big bore, with nineteenth century bullet tech!

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Sam:

How close to same weight are those .500-caliber bullets of varying meplat?

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**MikeBurke**

07 July 2010, 07:55

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Old meets new, a proper big bore with a proper bullet 😊



**srose**

07 July 2010, 15:07

Rip,

I did not weigh the bullets to see the difference in weight. I'll let Michael record all of that. It should not be much as brass is pretty light. I don't think the small amount of weight difference will have any effect on the performance of the bullets. I made them as close to the same as possible with what I have to work with. Trying to calculate the change in length to keep the weight the same is just more than I want to do.

Sam

**srose**

07 July 2010, 15:31

As far as logo goes, I vote a 458 B&M with a big flat nose with a 67% meplat.

**michael458**

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RIP

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Michael

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**michael458**

07 July 2010, 21:35

Mike

Glad you are back with us! Where you been? Lost in another forum talking about shoes or something again? HEH.

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**MikeBurke**

07 July 2010, 21:56

Good to be back, we solved plenty of issues in the other forums from boots to the oil spill on the political forum. 😊

I have not been doing any bullet testing. I have been doing a little shooting getting ready for my Zim/Moz trip later this year.

The 375 H&H CZ with a 25" barrel (could not resist) will sport the Barnes Banded Solids and I still have not decided about the softs. Either North Fork or TSX. Both shoot so good it is hard to decide.

The 470 will go with Woodleigh softs and North Fork solids of course.

My wife has been shooting with me. She may be a better shooter than, while that is not saying much she really is shooting well. Her 7 by 57 will be ready in a couple of weeks. Had I been smart a 9.3 B&M would have been ideal for her.

I hope you match the threads on the bullet with the rifling on your barrel. I would hate to see a left thread on a right hand twist. The bullet could penetrate because of momentum, then unscrew itself with the backwards thread rotation. 🤔 😞

BTW the website looks good.

**michael458**

07 July 2010, 22:15

Mike

Well, glad you solved the issues on the other forums, as I had little doubt of your abilities to do so!

Oh man, I love getting rifles and loads ready for a trip! That is a big part of it for me, the right rifle, the right cartridge, the right bullet, the load, sights, getting them ready, getting things set, and then having it right when the moment comes! And then everything works as it's supposed to do, very satisfying, gives much gratification!

You are doing it the right way, put in your time, your tests, your work! Now, when it all comes together you will be a happy man! The rest is in your hands now. It's up to you, no excuses, no alibis! As it should be! You do your part, I know you will, and your rifle, cartridge, and of course most important, your bullet will do their part! You know this before going, because you have done your homework!

I tell you the little 9.3 B&M is a trick! I don't know when mine will actually get out to the field, I have so many things to do in the field, but when it does I have no doubt it will do it's part if I do mine! I am very impressed with it. Now I have 2 9.3X338s and a 9.3 Ultra I don't know what to do with, because the 9.3 B&M is far superior to either when all things are accounted for, size, weight, length and these sort of things. It's a winner!

I have been thinking about the "Screw Bullet" of Sams. I don't think I have left twists, but that would be an interesting phenomena, unscrewing itself after or before or during terminal penetration? Wonder how the math works with that? Minus, plus, or plus then minus? Hmmmmmmm?????

Hey, glad you went over a visited the little website, I am kinda proud of that myself. I enjoyed doing it, and still working on some things for it. Great thing, I can change, add, or do anything with it anytime I want. It's been fun to put it together. Thanks

Michael

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**michael458**

07 July 2010, 22:36

Some thoughts on the coming meplat size test. Some has been mentioned about the weight, the velocity, twist and such. All very excellent concerns, mine too. Sam has the weight close, the only difference is going to be a few grs here and there, nothing that will make a difference over all. I really don't care if they are light or heavy, because it's not a test of the bullet, but the meplat size. Being .500 caliber I will work with either the 50 B&M or the 500 MDM, both having 1:12 twist rates, and regardless of either I will be shooting for a nominal velocity of 2150 fps + or minus a bit at the muzzle. Testing at my 22 yd mark.

Now when we get down to 60% meplat and less I think we will start to see a decrease in straight line penetration to a point of course. At the 1:12 twist rate, it should help stabilize better of course. But we will see a difference either at 60 or 55 I believe, probably 55%. Once all this is done with the 1:12 twist rate, it would be interesting to do again those smaller meplat sizes in a 1:18 twist barrels that I do have in .500 caliber, the first ones before making the switch to 1:12. This would only be for probably the 55% and 50% meplats, maybe 60%. I think a big difference in 1:12 and 1:18 would show up then. But, this is separate from the first and foremost meplat test, to be done later if I can talk Sam into a few more. But don't want to even make any until the first test is done and we learn if the fall off is at 60 or 55%!

Just some thoughts.

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**srose**

07 July 2010, 22:49

Michael,

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Sam

**michael458**

08 July 2010, 00:10

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You are a dangerous man with a bastard file!

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Michael[/QUOTE]

OK, I am going to need some help up there it looks like.

In the meantime here are my thoughts, of course we all would like our pet cartridges there right? Me too, I happen to think that the 500 MDM is about the most handsome of all, and should be there. But, that would just not be fair or right to other very worthy causes. I can only suggest that a nice photo of some of the cartridges that have either been developed here at AR or has strong ties to AR be the new logo. What comes to my mind of course, is Jeffes 458 AR, my 458 B&M, one of Hubels, Robs 600 OK, RIPs Tantanka and maybe more lined up all loaded with proper flat nose solids, and representing the best we have to offer and improvements over the past!

Now that will not be so easy to put together, but I think that is it!

If that can't be, then I would vote for something like a 458 Lott, loaded with a proper Flat nose. It's the standard by which most things are compared. Not the best, just a recognized standard.

Now the various big bore double cartridges are great, and handsome to boot. But Doubles already have a forum unto themselves, it should be a bolt gun cartridge. No offense Mike!

But unless I get some help up there we can forget it. I am but one voice and no one is listening!

HEH.

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**boom stick**

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**capoward**

08 July 2010, 01:00

Hum...didn't think about you rerunning the test with 18" twist rate...definitely sounds like a good test. You'll need to match the rifles pretty closely so does this mean you'll need to use a couple of rifles chambered for the "old" 500 MDM cartridge?

Jim   
"Life's hard; it's harder if you're stupid"  
John Wayne

**michael458**

08 July 2010, 01:23

Jim

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Boomy

Thank You, Thank You very much! PLEASE, no more coffee for you today!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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**srose** 08 July 2010, 01:36

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**david.bergen** 08 July 2010, 04:33

I always believed my cast bullet LFN 420 was the best medicine for my 45-70. After reading all this I am going to change my opinion about the hard cast bullets. Penetration is also much lesser than what the testers got at the various Linebaugh seminars. What's going on... with these bullets? Do you have tested the Garrets loads already? Another bullet that get very good reports is the Nosler partition 300 grain. Is this one tested?

Thanks everybody for all the efforts, time and money spend for getting all these results and sharing them with the rest off the world.

David (Belgium)

**michael458** 08 July 2010, 05:41

Hey David

Hard cast bullets one has to be very careful of velocity. Expansion reduces penetration, shearing of the sharp meplat reduces penetration, and other factors. I am not a cast bullet expert by any stretch. I have used and shot a lot of them with great success, and sometimes I have asked more of them than what they could give, and I made some mistakes. We have some extremely good bullets out today in 45/70, far better than ever before. I have not tested or used the 300 Nosler Partition.

I think today if I were looking for some deeper penetration for the 45/70, if a 400 Barnes Buster shoots well in your gun I can't see where you could go too wrong with that. For expanding, I am sure the 300 Nosler would do well, but there are several more that would do as well, a 350 Hornady is excellent.

Thanks  
Michael

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**boom stick** 08 July 2010, 05:45

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I think Micheal will be in charge of passing out the pork money. I am vying for a cushy advisory position 🍷

OK No more coffee today ☺

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**michael458** 08 July 2010, 06:09

Boomy

No worries, just get the grant money and send it to me, I will take care of everything.

Trust me! Just make sure your name is on the grant, and send it to me when you get it.

I have it under control.



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**boom stick** 08 July 2010, 06:15

Maybe a military contract for "Green bullet" research. Anyone have any good strings they can pull? Pork is the some of the only way to get rich quick these days.

I think we would need a 80% meplat to get some good stability in a 200 grain aluminum .500" bullet. That will make more sense than a 3" 6.5 knitting needle bullet 🍷

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Michael

Oops my mistake about the 500s...good to hear none had the 18" twist rate barrels though.

Ok...how about this:

- 1) 1st phase run using 50 B&M w/1:12" twist rate...all bullet meplats.
- 2) 2nd phase run using 50 B&M w/1:18" twist rate...50%, 55%, and 60% meplats only.
- 3) 3rd phase run using 500 MDM w/1:12" twist rate...50%, 55%, and 60% meplats fired at maximum velocity at safe pressure level.

The 3rd phase test run would settle the question as to whether increased velocity plus a faster twist rate can overcome an undersized meplat for straight-line within mass penetration stability and if so what the minimum meplat percentage as well as a representative velocity level is for that to take place. Plus Sam will only need to supply an additional 12 bullets to complete this 3-phase test.

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Michael

🙄 Now that is real a bummer as that 50 B&M was my favorite rifle also!!! Good to hear about the new incoming 50 as well as RIP's 458...both will provide us with great test results.

Jim 🙄

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**michael458**

**08 July 2010, 13:36**

Look at our New Logo at the top of the page! WOW. Representing the New FLAT NOSE REVOLUTION, along with a Non Conventional to the left, and to top it all off, the greatest of all game animals, Buffalo in the background.

Great!

Michael

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**david.bergen**

**08 July 2010, 13:37**

Hi Michael,  
I can get the Barnes buster so I'll try them.  
Concerning the Partition. On the Marlin forum is told that it's penetration is as good or better than cast WLN bullets. They rave the bullet. Someone took it to Africa and had very good results with it even on larger beasts. Nosler was going to discontinue the bullet, but they started a poll and got Nosler to do some production runs on them in the future.  
Maybe I can send you some for testing, if you got the spare time.  
Keep up the good work,  
David

**david.bergen**

**08 July 2010, 13:37**

I like the new logo !

**srose**

**08 July 2010, 15:51**

New logo looks great, much better than before.

**capoward**

**08 July 2010, 21:47**

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Jim 🙄

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**DRG**

**09 July 2010, 02:43**

quote:

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We aim to please.

Sometimes we hit the target.

Glad you guys are happy.

Don

**michael458**

**09 July 2010, 19:36**

Thanks DRG for the logo. I think no reasonable individual would have a big issue with this. It looks good and very appropriate.

Michael

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**michael458**

**11 July 2010, 21:54**

Hopefully back to the business of testing some bullets, this week? Maybe? Hoping? Trying?

Did manage to get some test bullets loaded this weekend! Finally the 9.3's that Sam sent to test are loaded and waiting.





The 318 gr and the 270 gr are too long for the 9.3 B&M's magazine, but chamber perfectly. The 265 and the 230 are perfect for the 9.3 B&M, and my favorite, might have our custom bullet guy make a run of these if they do well, and I suspect they will since all have proper meplat sizes!

I will be checking these for feeding too in the Winchesters.

Dave Bush, where are You? These have excellent meplats, they should do an excellent job!

Michael

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**Macifej** 11 July 2010, 22:19  
Reinventing the wheel again boys ...?? Maybe I should just forward the drawings and save you the time?



**michael458** 11 July 2010, 22:26  
Agent J!

Good to see you back! Where were you when we were all crying about the Barnes Banded 9.3 being so terrible? Yeah, drawing would probably make it easier, and Sam has been wearing out his bastard files on these. It almost looks like Sam's bullet is close to the same as yours anyway. He's pretty good with that bastard file.

Excellent looking bullet J. Did not know you had some 9.3s? Of course I did not ask either, should have known, "old timers" kicking in.

It certainly appears we are treading some of the same ground. Only the East Coast bullets made a few at a time for test purposes only, with a bastard file. HEH!

Michael

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