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505G

07 September 2012, 06:53

Terminal Bullet Performance

RIP

LOL 

OK, got it, everything starts with  
RATS - 375 and goes up from there  

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michael458


07 September 2012, 17:30

quote:

Originally posted by 505G:  
Michael

That comment of mine was directed at RIP,  
not you. I know you are not in the bullet business,  
just providing a superb service to hunters with  
your testing.

I enjoy our, sometimes heated, discussions on here  

Well, you know me always the great "Diplomat" LOL..... 

375-- 


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Hey, and it's not just the 375--  either, I have a crap list of calibers!

Every redneck hillbilly in SC has a "7 MM MAg", and they think it is the most powerful piece of work that could be in existence, big enough to take on elephant, buffalo and probably even Dinosaurs!

7mm anything---  ---Associated with RedNeck Hillbillies!

I grew up with Elmer Keith! I suppose along the way I was indoctrinated a bit. Remember all the old Keith/O'Conner arguments? I grew to absolutely despise anything that started with "270". And I was no O'Conner fan either!

270 anything-- 

Now the flip side of the O'Conner thing--I know Bradford O'Conner, Jack's son. Brad and I communicate quite a bit, of course now I have toned down my distastes, and even had to purchase one of the recent published works of O'Conner, because of Bradford! Also have been sent some photos of Bradford and his Dad hunting and such! I still would not have or condone a 270 for anything, not even rats, but I keep that to myself when discussing things with Brad!

You see, I can be a decent Diplomat! Almost.....

Michael

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**416Tanzan**

**07 September 2012, 17:53**

Michael,

You're missing out on one of the joys of small calibre hunting without a 270Win. Amazing little calibre. Jack was right, you don't need a 7mmRM when a 270 is tuned up and ready.

Keith and O'Connor. 338's and 270's for small calibre work. Appreciate them both. The only problem with 338 and 270 is that with both of them around one doesn't need a 30. Sort of like with a 338 and 416 around one doesn't need a 375. 😊  
Well, that last comment is worth a nice glass of red wine.

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"A well-rounded hunting battery might include:  
500 AccRel Nyati, 416 Rigby or 416 Ruger, 375Ruger or 338WM, 308 or 270, 243, 223" --  
Conserving creation, hunting the harvest.

**capoward**

**07 September 2012, 21:16**

Tanz,

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Jim 🤪

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**brent ebeling**

**07 September 2012, 22:14**


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**michael458**

**07 September 2012, 22:45**

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Originally posted by brent ebeling:

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Damn Jim, you see what you have done now? My reputation is "Ruined" for life!

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**srose** **07 September 2012, 23:23**

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**brent ebeling** **07 September 2012, 23:52**

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Nice! 🙌👍 That does seem like alot of work for the Dr.

**505G** **08 September 2012, 00:39**

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Michael and Diplomat

North and South Pole 🇺🇸

Gotta go and shoot my 375H&H with some Woodleigh's !!!

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**brent ebeling** **08 September 2012, 00:43**

505, do you think i can get my 500 MDM rebarreled for a 375 ruger? 🇺🇸  
I was not sure if the bolt face will work, what do you guys think? 🇺🇸

**505G** **08 September 2012, 00:47**

I'd get it rebarreled to a 6.5, seems to be the latest flavour of the month 🇺🇸

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capoward

08 September 2012, 21:26



Yes I'd forgotten that Mama's was a 6.5x55 - my bad... Anyway, anyone that **reads this entire thread** will already have identified that you own rifles in these calibers from your test work...

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Pyzda

09 September 2012, 05:32

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I like that idea. If I had my say it would start from .460 Weatherby with 500gr/2600fps. For those who wouldn't want to comply the minimum load would go to 600gr/2400fps.

Pyzda

**drewhenrynt**

**09 September 2012, 08:19**

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We Band of Bubbas

N.R.A Life Member

TDR Cummins Power All The Way

Certified member of the Whompers Club

**Todd Williams**

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**michael458**

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Andy, you "Thinkin" too much!



Todd

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Amen My Brother, Amen!

Count me in!

LOL

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**michael458**

**09 September 2012, 16:06**

We are awaiting some real bullets to work with. Should start coming in this week. Think everyone is behind schedule right now. I was also running low on some calibers, so had to order some more of those, all total 1500 + bullets on the way at least.

Also received the PTII back this week! So far hook up in the lab looks good. Stand alone computer, nothing but PT II on it. Maybe, just maybe we are back in the pressure trace work? Crossing fingers and toes that it is so! I have some projects I need to check out on that front.

I think it might be possible we will be doing some terminals this week when the bullets arrive. So don't go anywhere!

Michael

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**buffalo**

**09 September 2012, 17:23**

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.....So don't go anywhere!



Never!!! And if I had to, this thread makes me connect to internet far more often than I would normally do ...- just to tjeck whats going on, whats new etc etc  
Might claim its addictive.... 😊

Ulrik

**coyote wacker**

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Michael,

It is funny that you brought up "rat" calibers. I have always went to a larger than needed calibers for the game that I am hunting. For decades a 338WM or 350RM were my go to guns, even for whitetails. For elk, moose and bison 375 H&H, 375 Weatherby.

A 9.3 B&M is going to be there replacement.

I think if I was to minimize:

257 Roberts for coyotes, wolves, bobcats, ground hogs

9.3 B&M for everything up to what I would need a 50, 500 B&M

Colt 1911 45 ACP

But I live in the U.S.A., no need to justify what and how many of any gun I own.

Thank You to everyone that's helped keep it that way.

**capoward**

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**prof242**

**10 September 2012, 04:25**

I am seriously considering using my Ruger #1 in .400/.395 N.E. and CEB bullets for antelope hunting in Colorado this year. 🐾  
See what you have done to me, Michael? 😊

.395 Family Member

DRSS, po' boy member

Political correctness is nothing but liberal enforced censorship

**boom stick**

**10 September 2012, 23:46**

Michael...

Yes, my brain farts more than it lays golden eggs but wanted to revisit an idea about a tipped solid. Your work in seeing the



benefits of retained velocity in big bores made me think again how a light fast solid can do some good damage. Think of the hollow point ogive tip in a non functioning hollow point brass BBW 13 with a hole too small and too shallow to function as a Non Con but get there quick and fast. Maximum penetration and velocity in a light bullet. Also the hollow point ogive tip in a copper version BBW 13 with a slightly less depth round hole could act as a nice mono metal expanding with the expansion aiding qualities of that tip. Think of it as a higher retained velocity cup point solid. The tipped copper cup point solid could expand at quite a low impact velocity and the added BC could do some good functional expansion distance stretching. Maybe pure soft copper without alloy. A tipped CPS with an estimated 1200-1400 functional expanding impact velocity could be great on a 458 socom or super short.

577 BME 3"500 KILL ALL 358 GREMLIN 404-375

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**boom stick**

**10 September 2012, 23:53**

PS the tipped cup point solids can be made in the double ended Raptor configuration. Load as a solid or expanding cup point with or without tip without any condor or brass pistol caliber issues. A copper Raptor that expands and retains like so many and wee wee Terry want. 😊

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**michael458**

**11 September 2012, 15:33**

Boomy

quote:

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OK, no matter how you cut it, it would not penetrate as deep as a BBW#13 Solid and would not produce as much trauma as a NonCon. It would be in effect a tipped cup point. Tip bullet would have to be seated deep, taking up case capacity. Now we have a shorter nose projection, proven not great for penetration as well. It would not shear, so would not produce as much trauma as a NonCon. Regardless of higher velocity because of these factors, shorter nose projection, cup point limited penetration, then it would be neither fish nor fowl.

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This concept has merit, and is proven effective, by the North Fork Expanding CPS, or CPES as I like to call it. However, for now I will hang with the North Fork CPES we have in .500 and .474 that have proven so effective.

Copper Raptors and big bores--nahhh, I still don't like the Raptors in the big bores much.

Raptors are better from medium down in my opinion.

Speaking of small bores and mediums again;

Continued----

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**michael458**

**11 September 2012, 15:37**

I stole this from someone this morning, blanked out the names to protect the innocent. LOL.....

quote:

As I put the rifle, a loaner .375 H&H with 250 grains Barnes X-bullets on to the sticks the bull turn and faces us. As the bull advances towards us shaking his head back and forth, BLANK tells me to take him in the chest. My shot at 30 yards knocks the bull down but he gets right back up. As the bull staggers, I expect him to fall again, he doesn't. I shoot a

second time, breaking his left shoulder. He walks away and I shoot again, behind the left shoulder, about 6" further back than I wanted to. The bull continues to walk away from us, stopping to **feed** a little. I shake my head not believing how tough these buffalo are.

We move our position and I shoot the buffalo for the fourth time, breaking his right shoulder. He refuses to go down so I put another bullet into his right shoulder. Still on his feet, the bull turn towards us, advances, and falls after a couple of steps. As we move to the side to finish the job, he somehow gets to his feet, trying to get to us. At the sixth shot, he again drops to never get up again. After the seventh and final shot the bull lets out three death bellows as his life ends.

Yeah Boy, I really want a 375 Now!



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**boom stick**

**11 September 2012, 20:01**

On an expanding copper mono metal with a tip it would be more of a hollow point than a v cup design. Being heavier copper with a shorter hollow point ogive tip that desintegrates and aides expansion it would be a hybrid between the TTSX and cup point expanding solid. I think it would be most ideal in the larger bores in the 2.5 SD range at impact velocities under 2,700 fps. It could be good for lower impact velocities for say muzzle loaders and moderate velocity hog thumping rounds. We are awash in great projectiles these days thanks to innovative bullet companies.

[577 BME 3"500 KILL ALL 358 GREMLIN 404-375](#)

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**LionHunter**

**11 September 2012, 23:57**

So where can I get me a 7 shot .375, as they obviously will kill Buffalo.

Mike

DSC  
DRSS (again)  
SCI Life  
NRA Life  
Sables Life  
Mzuri  
IPHA

"To be a Marine is enough."

**boom stick**

**12 September 2012, 00:03**

Does anyone make a belt fed 375 HH?



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**PD999**

**12 September 2012, 05:16**

quote:

Yeah Boy, I really want a 375 Now!

Make mine a +0.5 cal please

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"A man can never have too much red wine, too many books, or too much ammunition" — Rudyard Kipling

**prof242**

**12 September 2012, 22:54**

And a light .375 bullet at that! Make me think of the phrase business owners used, paraphrased, its Bullet, Bullet, Bullet, especially in lower end calibers.

Uh, hey RIP, maybe I should go from the .395 up to one of your new wildcats? 😊

.395 Family Member

DRSS, po' boy member

Political correctness is nothing but liberal enforced censorship

**michael458**

**12 September 2012, 23:46**

Max

Small hits small! Big hits Big!

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**RIP**

**12 September 2012, 23:56**

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Originally posted by prof242:  
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Max,

I only wish I had tried the .395 Tatanka on that second cape buffalo in 2010 ...

And if only the PH was willing to work a little harder on that second cape buffalo, instead of telling me:

"Get ready, he is going to run through that little clearing over there (150 yards away), if you get a shot, take it ..."

I was fool enough to hastily follow instructions ... sigh ...

So many rifles, so little time.

That .395 was using 310-grain brass NonCons from S&H ... sigh ...

Same ones that have killed well for you and me ... everytime we did our part.

Joking aside, so will a .375 with proper bullet at proper speed, in proper place.

They work well on things bigger than rats.

Better than a 9.3!!! 😊

**michael458**

**13 September 2012, 00:26**

quote:

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BS BS BS BS--I call BS on that. Not 2 cents worth of difference between .366 and .375. Neither fit to be Buffalo stompers!  
Excellent Big Rats, plains game, elk, moose, bear and so forth--Not buffalo! Bullets make a difference for sure and enhance as well, we all know. However, even then, you move up in caliber with the same superior bullet--this is where the big difference starts to show, in "Caliber" for buffalo.

Going to .395 is a vast improvement I would venture, over .375. As I believe so is .416.

And don't always listen to the PH! 150 yards is too far, and out of control for most chances of a second or third shot if things go wrong! As you already know! While I have not shot buffalo at 150 yards, I have listened to the PH at times when I KNEW BETTER, and damn it all, did it anyway, and guess what, it did exactly what I thought it would do, and then we had problems to sort out! Fortunately, we sorted them out, but at some point we must realize there are some things we know better than the PH does! Especially tech stuff.

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**michael458**

**13 September 2012, 00:38**

Spent the day on the range! Some success, some failure! Failure? F\*\*\*\*\*G Pressure Trace 2! I give up on PT II. Finally it really did start giving what appears to be an actual trace, but it does not in any way compare or even come close to all the data gathered with PT 1. PT 1 coincided with many many things, and is as close as you can get to getting real live pressure data. PT II--Not so. And, not consistent from load to load off. On some loads in 458 B&M it was as little as 5000 PSI off, on others as much as 18000 PSI off. In the 50 B&M AK it was consistently 12000-15000 PSI off the mark. So Packed the bitch up, threw it on the bottom shelf, end of story, I quit!

Sending PT 1 back to have it rebuilt! Maybe? Hopefully? Direct connections is the key I believe, PT 1 connects direct to the computer. PT II relies completely on Bluetooth flying through the air crap and I think can get corrupted between the unit and computer--I don't trust it anyway, so whatever the issue is, it's crap and has wasted hours and hours and days of my time! Problem is, PT 1 is not even available and PT II has no built in way to use direct hook ups! Back to the drawing board with that! Still out of the PT business!

Did some terminals with the 50 B&M and the 300 gr #13 LG HP and the 335 #13 LG HP. With the Talon Tips, and also with the "Round Nose" tip. Still lot's of data to input and get sorted out before posting.

North Fork! We have 400 gr .500 caliber Premium Bonded Softs that will pitch up here in a few weeks time! This will be a nice addition to our .500 caliber bullets, with the only conventional bullet that I will have here. With these, one does not need others. This gives us a 450 gr and a 400 gr, for use in the various .500 rifles here, including the lever guns.

I also have 200 of those 300 gr .458 caliber Premiums on the way. Soon as they arrive we will do some terminals with those. These are the ones I did not realize North Fork made, I thought the lightest .458 Premium Bonded was the 350 gr. How I missed that I do not know?

That's it for me.

Michael

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**RIP**

**13 September 2012, 03:04**

Being a proponent of the .375/404 Jeffery Saeed of 2012, I comprehend Real Comedy here: 😊

quote:

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