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RE: Don't OverDrive PowerBelts-Pics - 12/8/2006 5:42:54 AM

ol eagle eyes

Fawn



I tried the 270gr Platinum pointed Powerbelts for this years gun season, got a nice lil 8-point at about 50 yards. Although the bullet was devastating I be single-lung shot it and has been the first deer in a long time I had to track (


Shooting 85gr 777 out of my Knight Elite, no problems with the bullet turnir with that combo.

Posts: 27
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From: Ohio
Status: offline



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 RE: Don't OverDrive PowerBelts-Pics - 12/9/2006 5:03:59 PM

Allseasonhunter7

Life Member



are you saying to much powder causes them to over mushroom and becom

cuz where them old boys raised on shotguns

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From: auburn new york USA
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 RE: Don't OverDrive PowerBelts-Pics - 12/10/2006 1:04:45 PM

ahankster

Rack Buck



Posts: 299
Joined: 1/29/2004
From: mississippi by way of Florida
Status: online

Eagle eyes, you are using the bullet with an optimum load. You got excellent 85 grains of 777 which is about equal to 100 grains of pyrodex. Had you suspected you would have experienced the "exploding bullet" trick that powered for and the reason for this thread. Push them too hard and it doesn't matter or not, they go in and blow to pieces (not every time, but frequently).

Earlier someone said that any hollowpoint would blow to pieces if it hits bone only partially true. Most bullets will fragment to some degree and loose some when they hit bone. But, since powerbelts are nothing more than a copper washer when they hit bone they tend to shred and/or blow up leaving lead pieces a channel. My kids use Hornady XTPs and have killed 4 deer and one coyote in two years. The performance is much better than the power belts and I don't over drive one. Next time you get the chance, cut open a power belt and see what's made, compared to a well constructed copper jacketed pistol bullet (which is what sabot bullets are) the PB is nothing but a very, very soft piece of copper washer whereas the better made sabot bullets have a heavy, thick copper jacket.

I used PBs when I first started with M/L four years ago. My experience was with a deer that started this thread. The first one, a broadside shot at 50 yards, a 100 grains of 777. Deer didn't go more than 30 yards, zero blood trail. When cleaning it, there was a hole in about the size of a quarter. Under the hide on the inside was 5 or six chunks of lead and lots of little shreds all on the inside. That might be good in some people's book, but not in mine. The same story. Last year, a fellow I know shot a big doe at 70 yards with a 295 with 150 grains of pyrodex. He hit it in the shoulder and said he could see it run off. About 5 mins later, another fella in his club saw the doe and shot it down. When they looked at the wound by the PB, the bullet had gone in, hit and blew up. Blew out a huge chunk of meat and blew the shoulder up, but didn't penetrate into the chest. The deer would have died a long slow painful death.

Basically, power belts are good if you stay about 295 grains and keep the powder charge lower. The heavier the bullet, I guess you could up the powder charge. All the bad performance I have heard about have come from too much powder charge.

good luck

Hank

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RE: Don't OverDrive PowerBelts-Pics - 12/10/2006 4:49:38 PM

lemoyne
Life Member

[ahankster](#)I agree with all said the problem when I tried to use them was my
shoot them accurate with 140 or 150 gr, I shot a coyote in the chest at abo
150gr APP FF and a 245 gr it blew him wide open and did not come out the
chrony at 2150 fps. Lee

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RE: Don't OverDrive PowerBelts-Pics - 12/10/2006 5:34:57 PM

Roskoe
Addicted to HNI

I shot some 338 gr. Platinum Powerbelts into a bundle of water soaked pho
recently. They looked almost exactly like your picture. The load was 130 g
Shockey Gold. Impact velocity was about 1900 fps.



A man has got to know his limitations

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RE: Don't OverDrive PowerBelts-Pics - 12/10/2006 5:48:15 PM

Pglasgow
Life Member

quote:

ORIGINAL: Roskoe

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recently. They looked almost exactly like your picture. The load was 130 grain of 2F J
Shockey Gold. Impact velocity was about 1900 fps.

Posts: 1195
Joined: 1/2/2006
Status: offline

Sounds like the platinums are a major improvement.

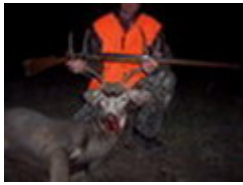
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frontier gander

Yeah they do look like they beefed them up at the bottom. I never had prot

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RE: Don't OverDrive PowerBelts-Pics - 12/10/2006 8:29:25 PM

sproulman

Life Member



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ones. Im deff. going to try the new ones out and see how they shoot. I cant bullet wouldnt go through a coyote, 5 deer in 2 years total and everyone of hollowpoints/295 aerotips went right thought leaving a exit hole a little big quarter. My doe last year ran maybe 5-8 yards before dropping and there w against the trees and brush by it. You know you got a good hit when the d down the mountain and a 4" wide blood smear follows it lol.

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good luck
 Hank

years ago we got idea that 90 gr bullets,sierra hollow point would be ticket sav..well, that bullet pushed at 3000 ft was a bad choice..

i now use 87 gr speer soft pointed..if you hit deer behind shoulder, that bull

deer goes down..

no hole out other side..

so, bullets that explode, are great for me,a least,in centerfire rifles..

now on to muzzleloader and PB..this is first year i used them..i was lucky to used the 295 hollow point..hawkins .50 cal flintlock,80 grs of 2f geox..

where bullet went in was suze of a knickel or so and came out size of quart where it went in was all affect even tho i hit 4 inchs up from bottom or right

that big buck never moved..it went right down and tried to get up,but could

when cleaning deer, heart ,liver, were all destroyed..cavity was all filled witi

from what i read, the heavier PB are better if driven at high velocity..

i almost went with the 338 gr one over 295 gr.but 295 shot best out of my flintlock..

so far, i have no complaints but that picture of the deer here with a wound | sproul one thing..

TO FAST AND TOO LIGHT A BULLET WILL MAKE A WOUND LIKE THAT..


i saw 7mm rem mag do that to deer with 125 gr bullet..the hunter i talked t 7mm rem mag was pushing that bullet over 3300 ft ..

no good, now he uses a 175 gr bullet and is happy BUT the holes he has in awful to look at..

high velocity.light bullet and add in HOLLOW POINT.. **oh my**

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 RE: Don't OverDrive PowerBelts-Pics - 12/11/2006 8:23:23 AM

petasux
Non Typical


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Joined: 6/12/2006
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quote:

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I used those a couple years ago, we had a old steel freezer door we were us backstop.In my Knight with a 90 grain 777 charge the bullets actually seem apart before they actually hit the door.After every shot there were two hole in the target, one a little smaller then the other.I thought at first maybe I ju defective bullets but the next two boxes I had did the same thing and I wou to a TC shockwave which seemed to eliminate the problem.

I used the XTPs in my CVA sidelock for two years before that without any pi wonder how much the performance of these different bullets varies accordir your shooting

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RE: Don't OverDrive PowerBelts-Pics - 12/11/2006 8:52:13 AM

Pglasgow
Life Member

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Joined: 1/2/2006
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quote:

ORIGINAL: petasux

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The second hole must have been something blowing back. Maybe even a b could punch a hole in the paper. My guess would be this had more to do wi refrigerator door than the xtps. After you filled it (the door)full of holes, if t something blowing back, the problem would have ceased.

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