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RE: Powerbelt Disintegrates - 1/3/2007 1:52:50 PM Repl

ahankster
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Your 50-70 analogy is excellent. Like I have been saying, about 85 grains of powder for the 295 grain PB is r I wonder what happens to the 50-70 shooters bullet if he pumps up the pov 50-150 and puts a humongous hollow point on the end of his bullet? I think practical diff between your plains hunter's bullet and the PB is the hardness always thought they were too soft. Others keep telling me they are too brit which it is, I just know the end result. Being kind of a macho guy myself 😊 I understand people wanting to pound brag about how hot their loads are (funny though, some of the same people schoolgirl if their sabot is too difficult to load, go figure). But, with a M/Ler declining benefits when it comes to too much powder. With my Encore and shockwaves, that point appears to be about 110 grains of 777. Maybe with I could get a hotter load. But, as long as I use common sense and stay wtl of where the gun performs, I get excellent results. If I got caught up in the "my gun shoots 150 grains of..." " aw man, mine shoots 175 grains of....." ; man "heck ya'll are wimps, I shoot 250 grains of" I would find that my be nearly so good.
Hank

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RE: Powerbelt Disintegrates - 1/3/2007 5:07:26 PM Reply Qu

gleason.chapman

Rack Buck



Posts: 222
 Joined: 12/6/2005
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ORIGINAL: Pglasgow

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ORIGINAL: gleason.chapman

I am sorry, I don't get your half truth statement . . .

chap,

Consider a 50-70 shooter who shoots a 425 grain unjacketed bullet. His quarry is bison. At 180 yards the bullet enters the shoulder crush the scapula piercing both lungs and exits the far side. The bison falls where it stands as millions of other did until they were practically extinct. Ask yourself what the practical difference between a 444 PB and a 425 lyman projectile is and whether there will be any penetration on deer when it is propelled by the same 70 grain charge of the 50-70.

It should be obvious then, that saying a PB won't penetrate or don't penetrate requires context and is only a half-truth.

Pgleasgow,

Yes, I see what you mean now. Sure it will penetrate a deer if it will a bison you have to define the hunting situation--the game the yardage etc. OK I t
 Thanks Chap

RE: Powerbelt Disintegrates - 1/3/2007 8:44:07 PM

**lemoyne**
Life Member

Posts: 1263
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Well this is a bit off the subject but I have noticed several people comment hard it is to load a sabot, their are quite a number of different thicknesses of bunch of different sabots so fighting that battle is not only unnecessary but would find that when they get the right combination not only will it load very harder than a PB but it will also shoot better and more consistantly. Lee

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RE: Powerbelt Disintegrates - 1/4/2007 6:29:58 AM

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ORIGINAL: lemoyne


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Right, I am aware of that. I use the Harvester Crush Rib sabot, Cabelas se

\$5.99 and MidSouth sells them for \$4.99. I know MMP now sells a thin EZ I don't know the product number. I like the idea of someone on the forum to try different kinds and try them all in your guns. I now also clean between sho field, using either alcohol or bore butter. The alcohol tends to dry out quickly, to moisten them up, but the bore butter is always there and works as general cleaner. I don't know if that is OK for long term care of the firearm, but I know it works for me. I am not saying other should do it either, that is their choice.
Chap Gleason

 RE: Powerbelt Disintegrates - 1/4/2007 10:14:54 AM

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Having a few good measuring tools and being able to use them accurately through the whole process easy, for instance with a smooth polished bore of .500 a MMP (TC's) is perfect with one at .504 -502 [some White's] MMP 12 Now if you have a tight bore say .497 -.498 a Chrusch Rib or the new 3p will get you where you really have not been that much of a problem for those of use who enjoy experience keep a variety on hand. Lee

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 RE: Powerbelt Disintegrates - 1/4/2007 10:19:09 AM

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i just got thru with cva company that makes the POWERBELT..

THEY AGREE WITH US 100 %..they said to many hunters are pushing the L powerbelts at highest velocity and they will not hold together..

they said ONLY use the heaviest bullet you can when you do this or use the one..or reduce you powder down..

they mostly agree with us and said PLEASE GET WORD OUT TO YOUR FELLOW

i can only assume they know all about this, that may be why they came out with a harder bullet..

i know from years of hunting, we tried hollow point bullets on deer and got good results..we stopped them along time ago..jackets on those bullets were hard on powerbelt but we were pushing higher velocity than muzzleloaders..

then came along the IN-LINES, VELOCITY WENT WAY UP..i dont think cva could have in-lines to be as high on velocity on muzzleloader..

i think they were judging their bullets on flintlock velocity ,i dont know, just want to try to get bullet that would SHOOT GREAT..

maybe a little of both..

someone said, why would you use bullet that you should only take a side shot said, IF SPROUL WOULD TAKE A SHOT AT A BUCK OTHER THAN SIDE SHOT TAKE THE HEAVIEST BULLET WITH MEDIUM POWDER OR GO TO MAXI- BALL 370

deer running, angle, close to dark, brush,flinching, excitement of the big buck

eyes,cold,fog,other hunters ,all this adds up to 1 thing, no way i would use high velocity on deer..under those conditions, i would use the heaviest powder shot good at medium powder charge..

now,say i am siiting in treestand, open field where my shot would be 150 yd broadside shots..i would use the FLATTEST shooting powerbelt i could..

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Amen for calling the company and getting the facts out. My brother had trc aerotip PB Platimum this past hunting season, it fragmented at 60 yards on fragments were on the ground along with bone, hide and hair. My theory is Platimum is just same old PB but with shiny Platimum, instead of copper. I never cut one in 1/2 and compared the copper to the Platimum. Thanks fr

call. Chap Gleason Va

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 RE: Powerbelt Disintegrates - 1/4/2007 6:05:14 PM

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Pglasgow

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ORIGINAL: gleason.chapman

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gleason.chapman

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ORIGINAL: Pglasgow

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I have read on the old Muzzleloaderforum.com when they did inlines that so outlawed PBs. I don't know which ones in which states, but that is what I'm saying that they don't kill elk, I am just saying "there elk camps didn't want shooting with them". I know 3 years ago when I did my research on the I searched for "Power Belt Outlawed" or PowerBelt discouraged from use. I found a document that said it in the "Camp Code", but it must exist if they felt that it. If you read what Toby Bridges (author of many books and articles on ML) wrote about them, I wouldn't say he is a big fan either:

<http://www.hpmuzzleloading.com/feedback.html>

This is what he says:

"I have never hidden my feelings for "Power Belt" Bullets them. Truth is, I simply don't want to hunt in any state today's modern muzzleloading hunter is denied the opportunity to hunt with a well designed sabot bullet. And any game department that permits the use of a bullet that performs as poorly as "Power Belt", but prohibits the use of a sabot bullet like Barnes TMZ...Precision Rifle "Dead Center" ...Hornady "other similar performance-proven bullet designs means the game department is totally in the dark about muzzleloader performance in big game."

"What I don't like about the "Power Belt" Bullet is that it fragment horribly when driven into a big game animal. I am sure there are several hundred of you who visit this site that I do not tell that to...you've already shared with me your experience with these bullets...and they are basically the same as what I have experienced. I can remember one big doe I took with a grain "Power Belt" a couple of years back. The deer was in the field about 70 yards away. I was taking the deer with a friend who wanted one for the freezer, and decided to take the old doe was perfectly broadside, placing the shot just back from the shoulder. I figured the big bullet would go through the rib cage, take out both lungs, then probably come out the other side - eliminating as much meat loss as

The deer cooperated and stood perfectly square to my rifle and load hit exactly where I wanted. And the deer fell where it stood. Great performance? Hardly! That bullet literally exploded before ever getting into the lungs. A number of fragments, some fairly large, found their way into the chest and opposite shoulder. When that deer was skinned, most of all edible meat was a total loss. And the largest piece of bullet recovered weighed no more than 40 grains. And I have heard of similar bullet failure from many HPML viewers:

So I am not alone in these fragmentation issues. I hope that helps balance Power Belts for elk. There are better bullets in my mind. Toby mentions them in his

Chap Gleason

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Life Member



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ORIGINAL: gleason.chapman

So I am not alone in these fragmentation issues. I hope that helps balance the thinking on PBs for elk. There are better bullets in my mind. Toby mentions them in his article.
Chap Gleason

You know chap, I've hunted with GP 385 conicals for a number of years. I have friends who hunt with them also for elk. I've charged as high as 90 grains. Talk about a balance between expansion and penetration. My God these things crap out of deer. My friends say they do the same on elk, a very popular bullet in Colorado. Frontier gander hit a 130 lb doe with one. Busted right through the skull and lodged on the far side (80 grains the charge). I've also shot a lot of Maximal dental xray lead. Just punches a hole right through a deer without hardly any expansion isn't required, but if you saw the golf ball sized exit wounds that makes in deer and watch the incredible BOOM! FLOP you get with them, you change your mind. There is little difference between a 348 PB and a 385, they both have hollowpoints. Evidently your brother poorly placed it because the "typical" mistake is what happened to your brother.

Using no more than 80 to 90 grains, I personally think nothing is going to stop harder than a 348 or heavier full lead conical, especially one with a hollowpoint. You need to place them just like he should, like he would ANY bullet. FYI, I'm in a philosophy that a bullet is going to correct a misplaced shot, or of taking less because you "trust" the bullet. I say, if the conditions are not favorable, pass closer, hell, hunt, that's what hunting is, don't be an idiot and get shot a hole in 10 mph crosswind.

I'm gonna tell you the mistake you are making Chap. You are trying to get cater to your whim to accomplish whatever is motivating you. Changing your mind is sufficient. It's still all or none and there isn't any responsibility you or your brother share in wounding those deer. It's always gonna be the Powerbelts fault and the last thing you do, you are gonna make them pay for your lack of understanding to hunt with them.

I personally wouldn't choose a 348 PB for elk. But it illustrates perfectly to me that I can't guarantee you brother or you would have harvested the deer you wound with a different bullet. I know what they are capable of, and I trust the comments from those who successfully hunt with them more than one who is unsuccessful. Primarily the one who is unsuccessful, is completely, utterly, and totally responsible for the outcome.

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