

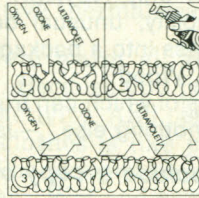
lacking in bullet diameter is insignificant, save in the most exacting target shooting situations. For the sake of pure velocity, a series of the 90s pushed along by charges of 14.5 grains of Hercules Unique averaged out at a rather sensational 2,186 fps. This, by the way, was the highest bullet speed achieved. Unfortunately, as you will note from the accompanying chart, accuracy was not to be a benefit: Ten-shot groups at 50 yards could have easily been covered by a pie plate. Later, with the advantage of a Ransom machine rest, groups at the same range were reduced to cobbler size, though still not equal to the accuracy of which both gun and cartridge are capable.

Best accuracy results, again using the Ransom with target placed at 50 yards was obtained with 147-grain Lyman 35895 hollow-base wadcutters cast hard to minimize leading. This bullet, ahead of either 18 grains of Hercules 2400 or 16.5 grains of Blue Dot will provide machine rest accuracy in the two-inch range using center-to-center measurement at fifty yards. It is not inconceivable that, using a good bullet ranging in weight from 140 to 160 grains, easy-shooting, accurate loads could be developed to suit your individual gun. The solution seems to rest with the use of moderate loadings. It has been my experience that maximum powder charges,

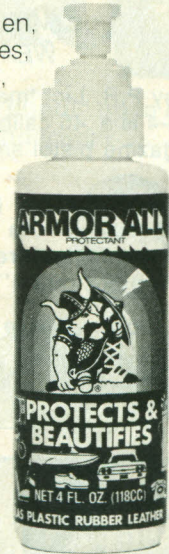
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