

M/591 - 5mm Mag. Cal. - Field Testing
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Accuracy of this rifle and ammunition combination was superb. Holding qualities, trigger pull, ease of shooting were excellent. Flat shooting characteristics of the 5mm were certainly obvious when shots were taken at sandstone rocks up to 400 yards. It did not take very many experimental shots to make an impact on the desired locations. Again the noise level of the 5mm was noticeably low.

Performance of this bullet on small game such as prairie dogs and jackrabbits was devastating up to 200 yards and very few hits were not lethal at that range. On prairie dogs roughly 3" in diameter, the exit hole measured to be 2-3". Although I searched it was impossible to recover any of the bullets or bullet fragments as the game was too small to absorb the complete impact of the projectile.

Having fired many thousand rounds of ammunition in this country, from the 22 LR up to 375 Mag., utilizing all 22s up to and including varmint on light game such as the coyotes, badgers, jackrabbits and prairie dogs, I feel that the 5mm will make a very definite and important impact on the shooting public. There is a place for it. It so far exceeds performance of the 22 High Speed Long Rifle that it should be very well accepted by the varmint sportsmen. There are a great number of hunters who are not interested in handloading but wish to have a varmint rifle-ammunition combination superior to the 22 HS LR. And although the 22 Winchester magnum has been an answer to that problem, I think that its performance has been exceeded by the superior performance of the 5mm.

I can only predict success for this combination.

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