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BARREL DAMAGE EVALUATION
WITH SHOTSHELL BODY CUTOFFS

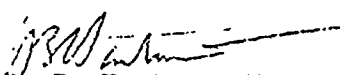
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As indicated on the attached test, Research has been unable to cause any gun damage by firing a shell behind a body cutoff lodged in the bore. Testing was done with cutoff bodies in the choke, at the thinnest part of the barrel, and partially in the chamber.

Of added interest, on the approximately 700 induced body cutoffs in our recent lot comparison tests, all cleared the gun except 8% which remained partially in the chamber. None lodged down barrel.

It is not logical to assume a squib low pressure load would occur with a body cutoff due to the force required to tear the body apart. Therefore, it is not logical to assume more than a body will remain in a gun after a body cutoff. This suggests the body cutoffs are not really dangerous.

However, no obstruction in the barrel is good. Therefore, while the hazard in this particular case is apparently negligible, Research is continuing at a high rate of effort to eliminate the potential problem.


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