

BREECH--The rear end of the barrel into which a cartridge or shotshell is fed.

BREECH BOLT--The locking and cartridge head supporting mechanism of a firearm that operates in line with the axis of the bore.

BUCKSHOT--Lead pellets ranging in size from .20" to .36" diameter normally loaded in shotshells.

BULLET--A non-spherical projectile for use in a rifled barrel.

COPPER JACKETED BULLET--A bullet having an outer jacket of copper or copper alloy, and containing a lead alloy core.

BULLET CORE--The inner section of a jacketed bullet.

BULLET DIAMETER--The maximum dimension across the largest cylindrical section of a bullet.

EXPANDING BULLET--A hunting bullet design that provides for controlled expansion upon impact.

FULL METAL JACKET BULLET--A projectile in which the bullet jacket encloses most of the core with the exception of the base. Also called Full-jacketed, Full Patch or Full Metal Case.

GAS CHECK BULLET--A lead alloy bullet with a copper or gilding metal cup pressed over the heel.

HOLLOW POINT BULLET--A bullet with a cavity in the nose to facilitate expansion.

BULLET JACKET--A metallic cover over the core of the bullet.

LEAD BULLET--A bullet formed from a lead alloy.

METAL BULLET--An alloy of lead, antimony and/or tin.

MUSHROOM BULLET--A bullet that has expanded upon impact to a mushroom-like shape.

BULLET OGIVE--The curved forward part of a bullet.

BULLET PENETRATION--That distance which a bullet travels in a target material.

ROUND NOSE BULLET--An elongated projectile with a radiused nose.

SEMI-WAD CUTTER BULLET--A projectile with a distinct shoulder and short truncated cone at the forward end.

SOFT POINT BULLET--A design providing for exposure of a portion of the core at the nose of a jacketed bullet.

BULLET SPIN OR ROTATION--The rotational motion imparted to a bullet by the rifling in the barrel.

BULLET STABILIZATION--The act of stabilizing a bullet in flight by use of the proper rifling twist to create the optimal relationship of rotational spin to bullet velocity.

TRUNCATED BULLET--A design of a flat-nosed bullet having a conical shape rather than a nose formed by a radius.