

**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.