



Member Tested and Recommended Program

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Thank you for participating in our “Member Tested and Recommended Products Program.” The 12ga TAP Mag Buckshot 00 has been tested and recommended by the members of the National Tactical Officers Association. Your overall score was a 4.79. The NTOA Member Tested and Recommended logo may be used solely on the specific product that was tested.

Attached with this letter, is the Member Tested and Recommended Logo which can be used on all marketing pieces for this product. Also attached is a copy of the complete reviews that your company can use as well.

Press releases written regarding this product review must be emailed to NTOA for review before release.

Since the review is completed, it will now be added to online Member Tested product database. To make the review complete, please send us a digital image of the product that has been tested. This is now listed on the NTOA’s Member Tested and Recommended online database and review will soon be published in *The Tactical Edge* journal.

Please contact Corey Luby at advertising@ntoa.org if you would like to advertise in *The Tactical Edge* journal. Once again, thank you for participating Member Tested and Recommended Program©.

Thank you,

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Hornady Mfg
12ga TAP Mag Buckshot 00
Overall Score: 4.79
<http://www.hornady.com>

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Alabama

Design 5

Performance 5

Ease of Use 5

Size

Quality 5

Durability 5

Storage

Versatility 5

Convenience

Application 5

Comfort 5

Accuracy 5

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 5

In addition to being a member of my departments SWAT team, I am a firearms instructor. I tested Hornady's new Tactical Application Police (TAP) High Velocity 12 Gauge 00 Buckshot.

Hornady is also marketing a low velocity version for use in slide action (pump) shotguns. The high velocity is designed to function reliably in semi-auto actions that the low velocity loads may not cycle. My first test was to run some of this ammunition through a semi- auto. Our department issues slide action shotguns, but (after some asking around) I was able to borrow a personally owned gun. We fired 5 boxes through this semi-auto. There were no malfunctions. The ammunition cycled the weapon just as full power loads would have.

Next I tested the spread of the ammunition at various distances. Hornady's ammunition is loaded with eight, rather than the normal nine, 00 pellets. The 10 yard spread was 3 1/2 inches; the 15 yard spread was 4 1/4 inches; the 25 yard spread was 13 inches. I was very impressed with the 10 & 15 yard groups. They were much tighter than ammo from other manufacturers I have tested. The 25 yard group, however, was a little disappointing. After the 10 & 15 yard, I expected it to be much tighter. Twenty-five yards pushes the envelope for buckshot. You are not usually able to consistently keep all pellets in a man sized target. I thought the TAP ammo was going to be the answer, but it was not to be.

The TAP, as with other "tactical" shotgun ammunition advertises low recoil. I tried some rapid fire and found the claims to be legitimate. I was able to fire at multiple targets, as fast as I could cycle the action, quickly recovering from the recoil of each shot. That having been said, the recoil was no less than tactical loads from other manufacturers.

All in all I was pleased with the performance of the Hornady ammunition, and, should it win our state bid at any time, I would gladly purchase it for my department.

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Texas

Design 5

Performance 5

Ease of Use

Size

Quality 4

Durability 4

Storage

Versatility 4

Convenience

Application 5

Comfort

Accuracy 5

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 4.57

I tested the Hornady TAP 12 gauge Buckshot round. I found it intriguing that almost everyone now is coming out with a "tactical load" to cater to the LE market with no real difference in internal mechanics of the round other than changing colors of the casing or jackets. However, after shooting the TAP rounds I was pleasantly surprised at the performance. There are 9 pellets and the recoil is about the same as the other tactical Loads from the other makers.

The most noticeable difference of this round and others is the shot cup, which is full length and thus keeping the pellets in a tighter group. The grouping of the pellets was exceptionally tighter than the other makers that I compared them to. I tested the rounds out to the 25 yard line and the TAP rounds were printing consistently tighter patterns with all 9 pellets.

I was so impressed with these findings that I am going to present these findings to my department for purchase of the TAP rounds. I strongly suggest these rounds to anyone and encourage you to do your own testing before switching to any ammo selections.