



## Member Tested and Recommended Program

Monday, March 22, 2010

Thank you for participating in our “Member Tested and Recommended Program.” The 308 Win 165gr INTERBOND TAP Barrier has been tested and recommended by the members of the National Tactical Officers Association. Your overall score was a **3.55**. 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](mailto:advertising@ntoa.org) if you would like to advertise in *The Tactical Edge* journal. Once again, thank you for participating in the Member Tested and Recommended Program©.

Thank you,

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Hornady Mfg  
308 Win 165gr INTERBOND TAP Barrier  
Overall Score: 3.55  
<http://www.hornady.com>

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Pennsylvania

Design 5

Performance 3

Ease of Use

Size

Quality 3

Durability

Storage

Versatility 4

Convenience

Application 4

Comfort

Accuracy 2

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 3.5

I tested the Hornady 308 165 gr. Barrier round in a custom Remington 700 rifle with a 20 inch Hart barrel. The test was performed on a clear day with winds at 0 – 2 mph from 10 o'clock and the temperature was 61 degrees. Distance to target was 100 yards and all rounds were low fired. The Hornady Barrier Round uses a projectile that has the lead core bonded to the copper jacket to prevent the bullet from fragmenting upon impact. The application this bullet is designed for is when having to fire at a target through glass, which often causes bullets to break apart and lose large amounts of their mass. The tightest group I could obtain with this round was 1-½ inches at 100 yards. The center of the groups were consistent and were ¾" below the groups fired with Hornady's 168 gr. BTHP Tap round and 1 inch above my normal ammunition. I have tried this round in the past and found the same results with group sizes no smaller than 1 ½ MOA. The concept of using a bonded round for defeating intermediate barriers is one that most snipers are familiar with, however, this round does not yet provide the minute of angle accuracy necessary to use in critical sniper scenarios.

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Wisconsin

Design 4

Performance 3

Ease of Use

Size

Quality 5

Durability

Storage

Versatility

Convenience

Application 5

Comfort

Accuracy 1

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 3.6

All of the ammunition that I tested was shot through my Remington 700P .308 in H-S Precision stock that utilizes a 20 inch barrel (cut down and recrowned from the factory length of 26 inches by Sniper gunsmith Charles Milazzo). Badger Ordnance rings and base hold a Leupold 3.5-10x40 optic on the receiver. I have had no accuracy issues with this weapon system and it has been even more accurate with the barrel getting cut down.

During the testing day, our greatest range available was 100 yards, but considering the information provided by the American Sniper Association on average police shootings, I was able to go to greater distances than most LE snipers will have to deal with operationally.

Overcast skies, about 30 degrees and high humidity were the order of the day.

Hornady's 165 grain INTERBOND TAP BARRIER was something that I'd been interested in trying out for some time. My agency has been using a different manufacturer for some time with good results, but I always have interest in trying something new if the chance exists it might be better. Unfortunately, our accuracy testing showed that we couldn't depend on this ammunition to hit a target that was not behind a barrier, so no barrier testing was done.

At 25 yards, a five shot group held approximately one inch. When so close, it is not outlandish to demand a one-hole group and this ammunition was not capable of it.

The 100 yard grouping of five shots measured 3.5 inches from bullet center to bullet center and was all over the target.

Ballistics listed on the back of the box shows this load leaving the muzzle at 2700 feet per second.

The ammunition came in Hornady's distinct red box with white lettering, with lot number and ballistics information on the back. The brass was new and clean and the bullet has the plastic red tip designed for expansion. I can understand a second round available for barrier penetration, but I don't understand why it looks exactly the same as the other Hornady TAP loads (with red-tip). Perhaps a different color?