



Member Tested and Recommended Program

Monday, March 22, 2010

Thank you for participating in our “Member Tested and Recommended Program.” The 308 Win 168 gr BTHP TAP has been tested and recommended by the members of the National Tactical Officers Association. Your overall score was a **4.25**. 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 in the Member Tested and Recommended Program©.

Thank you,

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Hornady Mfg
308 Win 168 gr BTHP TAP
Overall Score: 4.25
<http://www.hornady.com>

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Pennsylvania

Design 3

Performance 5

Ease of Use

Size

Quality 5

Durability

Storage

Versatility 3

Convenience

Application 3

Comfort

Accuracy 5

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 4

I tested the Hornady 308 168 gr. TAP Hollow Point Boat Tail 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 slow fired.

This round impacted 1 3/4" higher than standard deployment round used in this rifle. The group size was a very consistent 3/4" at 100 yards. After firing a five round group, I was able to immediately and accurately address a hostage target by only using a holdover and not making any scope adjustments.

The 168 gr. BTHP has documented shortcomings with over penetration and fragmentation when fired through glass barriers. That being said, the 168 gr. TAP round is a extremely accurate and consistent round.

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Wisconsin

Design

Performance 5

Ease of Use

Size

Quality 5

Durability

Storage

Versatility

Convenience

Application 3

Comfort

Accuracy 5

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 4.5

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 168 grain BTHP (boat-tailed hollow point) was extremely accurate. This ammunition was punching one hole, 5 shot groups up to 100 yards.

The 100 yard grouping of five shots measured 0.64inches from bullet center to bullet center.

Ballistics listed on the back of the box shows this load leaving the muzzle at 2700 feet per second. While very accurate, due to the weight involved with this load and propensity for over-penetration in an LE capacity, I personally wouldn't recommend this ammunition for LE sniper duties.

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 very small open tip that comes from the manufacturing process.