



Member Tested and Recommended Program

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Thank you for participating in our “Member Tested and Recommended Products Program.” The 45 AUTO 230 GR TAP CQ has been tested and recommended by the members of the National Tactical Officers Association. Your overall score was a **4.65**. 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
45 AUTO 230 GR TAP CQ
Overall Score: 4.65
<http://www.hornady.com>

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Nebraska

Design 4

Performance 4

Ease of Use

Size

Quality 4

Durability

Storage

Versatility 4

Convenience

Application 4

Comfort

Accuracy 5

Cleaning & Maintenance 5

Individual Score 4.29

During a practical range testing of the 45 AUTO 230 GR TAP CQ ammunition, it was found that the ammunition was very practical for law enforcement use. The ammunition was tested at the following ranges; 3 yards, 5 yards, 7 yards, 10 yards, 15 yards and 25 yards. For the testing there were 5 rounds used at each distance, using slow shoots for accuracy. The final ten rounds were spent at the 10 yard range using quick double-tap shooting.

Through the testing I found the accuracy to be perfect, numerous center hole shots were made with the ammunition. The ammunition was clean firing and I never had any miss-feeds or malfunctions with the ammo.

The ammunition was shot through a Glock model 21.

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Massachusetts

Design 4

Performance 5

Ease of Use

Size

Quality 5

Durability

Storage 5

Versatility

Convenience

Application

Comfort 5

Accuracy 4.5

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 4.75

The product tested was Hornady's 45AUTO TAP CQ round. This ammunition combines Hornady's XTP hollow point bullet and a low flash powder. The bullet is a 230 gr. Jacketed hollow point with a very deep expansion

chamber and uniform serrations around the bullet head to ensure complete expansion. The product package lists the muzzle velocity as 850fps, 809 fps at 50 yards and 771 fps at 100 yards. The ammo comes packaged in 20 round boxes; the cartridges arrived clean and bright, with no obvious defects or variations.

I tested this round in my HK USP 45c alongside Winchester Silvertips, and UMC 230gr ball. There were no malfunctions from any of the tested ammo. All shooting was done at 21 feet from the standing position. The TAP CQ best group was 6 rounds in a 1¾, while the Winchester was 1¼. The UMC managed a 2”+ group. All shooting was done in bright lighting so I noticed no difference in muzzle flash. There was no difference in felt recoil between the Hornady and Winchester. The UMC had noticeably more felt recoil. I did not have the resources to conduct penetration or expansion tests, nor could I chronograph the velocities.

The ballistics of this round have been well documented, and it compares well with other premium duty ammo on the market, and I would feel comfortable carrying this as my duty ammo.

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Pennsylvania

Design 5

Performance 5

Ease of Use 5

Size

Quality 5

Durability 4.8

Storage 4.8

Versatility

Convenience 5

Application 5

Comfort 4.8

Accuracy 5

Cleaning & Maintenance 4.8

Individual Score 4.93

I recently had the opportunity to test fire Hornady's .45 caliber 230 GR Hollow Point/XTP round. The test weapon was a Glock 21. I found the rounds easy to load in my magazines. Furthermore I was able to reload for faster follow up shots. I fired a total of 100 of the pistol rounds from distances of 7– 50 yards, which proved to be extremely accurate. Throughout the test, the ammunition performed flawlessly with no malfunctions. I field stripped my pistol after the test. No excessive dirt was found. Residue was comparable to other quality ammunition. I highly recommend this product to any tactical unit looking for an accurate and effective pistol round.