



## Member Tested and Recommended Program

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Thank you for participating in our “Member Tested and Recommended Products Program.” The 9mm 147gr TAP CQ has been tested and recommended by the members of the National Tactical Officers Association. Your overall score was a 4.43. 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 Member Tested and Recommended Program©.

Thank you,

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Hornady Mfg  
9mm 147GR TAP CQ  
Overall Score: 4.43  
<http://www.hornady.com>

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from Maryland

Design 5

Performance 5

Ease of Use 5

Size

Quality 5

Durability

Storage 4

Versatility

Convenience

Application

Comfort

Accuracy 5

Cleaning & Maintenance 5

Individual Score 4.86

The product I received for testing was 50 rounds of Hornady, 9mm, 147 grain TAP CQ, hollow point ammunition. The ammunition came packaged in two (2) boxes of 25 rounds each. Although the smaller packaging makes for easier packing and carrying, I would still prefer that the rounds be packaged in the traditional 50 round boxes. Having heard previous positive comments about Hornady ammunition I welcomed this opportunity to test and evaluate the ammunition independently. I have no reason to doubt Hornady's claim that each round is hand-inspected and found it to be another positive step in ensuring strict quality control. I too inspected each round individually and found no obvious defects. Each round had a uniform appearance. The brass casings appeared to be new and not previously fired. The casings showed no sign of nicks, marring or deformities and were polished brass. The primers were properly seated and free from obvious defects. Inspection of each bullet failed to yield any noticeable defects. Utilizing a Go/No-Go gauge each round passed without issue. From a quality standpoint my first impression of the Hornady ammunition was very favorable. I utilized a Sig-P226 and Springfield Armory 1911 in 9mm for the testing and evaluation. Magazines for each firearm were filled and each round was dry-cycled through both firearms without any problems. Each round was fired at an indoor, twenty-five (25) yard range with the air temperature approximately 85 degrees. Utilizing a Springfield Armory 1911, ten (10) rounds were fired through a borrowed Competition Electronics chronograph at six (6) feet with an average velocity of 972 FPS. This velocity is in line with the stated 975 FPS listed on the packaging. The remaining forty (40) rounds were fired through both firearms respectively and performed flawlessly. The Hornady TAP ammunition is touted as having a reduced muzzle flash for low-light applications. I would submit that the muzzle flash did appear to be somewhat diminished, however, in an "extreme" low-light to no-light environment it appears that the shooter's night vision would still be affected. The rounds fired clean and left very little residue/fowling inside the respective firearms. Although I would have preferred a Ransom machine rest to determine the true accuracy of this ammunition, it was unavailable at the time of testing. Accuracy was determined by shooting from a bench and yielded very good grouping at both fifteen yards and twenty-five yards. There were no malfunctions experienced during this testing period. My overall impression of this ammunition is very high. If I were able to gather some statistics on ballistic performance through various types of clothing and materials, and provided they were favorable and the overall cost was reasonable, I would consider recommending this ammunition for carry with our agency. Our agency is currently carrying Federal .40 S&W ammunition.

TESTER

Tested by a police officer from New York

Design 4

Performance 4

Ease of Use

Size

Quality 4

Durability

Storage

Versatility

Convenience

Application 4

Comfort

Accuracy 4

Cleaning & Maintenance

Individual Score 4

This review is for the Hornady TAP CQ 9mm 147gr JHP/XTP handgun ammo. Hornady states that their TAP CQ handgun ammo is the most reliable, consistent, and terminally performing ammo available to law enforcement professionals. Hornady specs show that the ammo's velocity out of a 4" barrel shows 975fps with 310ft/lbs. The review was conducted using an HK MP-5, which is the only gun that our department has that utilizes 9mm ammo.

Initial testing was conducted on a static range to check for feeding and reliability. The sample testing product that I received was small so I couldn't perform any significant feeding and reliability drills; however, with the sample that I used, there were no problems, jams, double feeds, etc... Also, there were no noticeable accuracy problems, when comparing the TAP ammo to the Speer Gold Dot 147gr ammo that we use now. Secondary testing was done for penetration and expansion. I had no access to gelatin so we used 2 wet telephone books tied together, and again, compared the TAP ammo to what we are using now. Both penetration and expansion were comparable and similar to the Speer Gold Dot 147gr ammo. We were very impressed with how the TAP ammo performed and would have no problems switching if needed. Also, our Sniper team has tested and switched to the Hornady TAP 168gr .308 ammo and has nothing but praise for the round.

In closing, although all of the "Top of the Line" ammo is generally similar, I would definitely place the Hornady TAP CQ ammo in the upper level of this category and would recommend it to any department.