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revolver cartridge) loaded into .45 ACP casings as my "heavy metal" .45 load. I also experimented with a 255-gr. Lead Semi-Wadcutter intended for .45 Colt. Examining the 255-grainer carefully, I muttered, "You know...this bullet profile isn't THAT much different from the 200-grainers, I'll bet it'd feed." While this bullet shape had a much "taller" front driving band and wider meplat (flat point), it looked workable.

And they did work, though eventually I'd settle on the 250-gr. RNFP as my "heavy metal" .45 bullet, only because with the "fat" 255-gr. LSWC, whether or not the gun would go into battery became very dependent on the barrel's leade (the point just in front of the chamber where the lands angle in slightly to accept the bullet as it begins traveling down the bore). The 255-gr. bullets chambered and extracted live rounds just fine in my Wilson 1911 and Nighthawk Custom Talon, wouldn't even allow the action to close on a Les Baer, and would chamber BUT loaded rounds were extremely difficult to extract from a Nowlin Match Classic. No such problems with the generously rounded 250-gr. stuff.

With both bullets, case mouths are taper crimped into the groove thoughtfully provided for

that purpose. With 250-gr. RNFPs, that translates into an OAL of 1.168 inch. With the 255-gr. LSWCs it's 1.205 inch. Getting these loads to cycle in a five-inch gun will require going to a fairly light recoil spring, like 10 pounds.

As expected, recoil with both loads was soft. A typical chrono session with my 255-gr. loads showed 677 fps average (172.7 pf). Basically we've turned the .45 ACP into a .455 Webley, a cartridge the late Bob Shimek called a "gentle ol' punkin thrower." And the gun is one HELL of a lot quieter. This is good. After an adult lifetime spent testing guns for a living, and firing them for recreation, I'm becoming paranoid about preserving what hearing I have left.

I've been doing a lot of experimentation lately with various bullet weights and powders, trying to find the "perfect" competition loads for my .45s and 9mms. In the process I've discovered that having "soft" recoil is less important than how the gun tracks in recoil. (This phenomenon, and how to affect it, will be the topic of an upcoming *Blue Press* article.) But if your overwhelming criterion is that you want the absolute softest recoil possible in a .45 ACP Major load, the procedures put forth in this article are how to get it.

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