

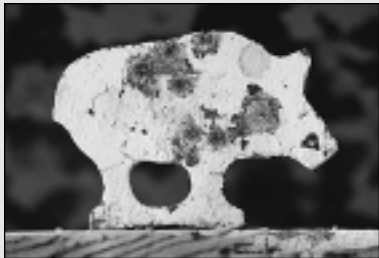
Ammo and Accuracy Testing

In testing each gun, we shot three groups with each ammo lot at the four established silhouette distances: chickens at 40 meters, pigs at 60 meters, turkeys at 77 meters, and rams at 100 meters. Of course, smaller groups allow the shooter more on-target holding room.

We used three top-end brands of ammo in the test: \$16-a-hundred Eley Tenex, the \$21.50/100 Federal Ultramatch, and \$17.50/100 RWS R50. We mounted targets on an actual silhouette range and shot them in conditions off a Ransom Rest front benchrest and a rear bunny bag.

We cleaned the guns between each ammo lot, but not during an ammo lot-testing sequence. We started each gun with a clean barrel, then fired 10 fouling and rough sight-in rounds. We then sighted the guns in and recorded chronograph data on an Oehler 35P chronograph with the next 15 rounds.

Then we fired three five-shot record groups per ammo lot per gun at each distance, averaging the group sizes to produce the data in the accompanying table. We kicked out and reshot groups where the test shooter felt he had broken a bad shot.



Above: Tight groups on paper translate into more holding room on metal silo targets.