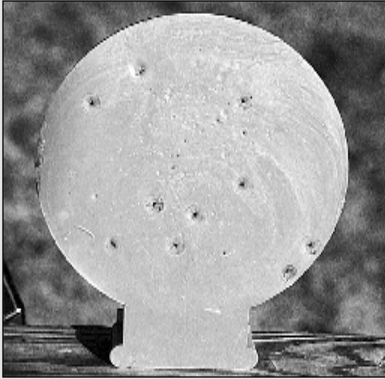


On Target: Newbold's Self-Sealing Reactive Plates

For some uses, these plastic products are okay, but mounting can be a problem.

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We recently tested a new pistol target from Newbold, Inc. This is a soft molded-plastic target that purports to be a self-sealing reactive target that is fun to shoot. Targets are available in 4-, 6-, and 8-inch round circles in black, orange, red, yellow, and white colors. Bowling pins and some varmint shapes are also available. All targets can be mounted on a piece of wood or on an optional large base to be set up as a knock-down target, such as in the bowling-pin game.



Above: The Newbold targets are made of plastic that purports to be a self-sealing. Targets are available in 4-, 6-, and 8-inch round circles in black, orange, red, yellow, and white colors. Bowling pins and some varmint shapes are also available.

We tested the round Newbold targets with several handguns ranging from .22 LR to .45 ACP. Bullet types included round nose, hollow points, wadcutters, and semi-wadcutters. We used these different designs to see how bullet impacts affect the targets, and we found that some bullet types can take a piece out of the target and leave a small hole in the target.

The targets are listed as self-sealing, and your choice of bullets will have an impact on how long

the target life will be. We found round-nose bullets caused the least damage to the targets. Large bucket-nose hollowpoints in .45 ACP, .40 S&W, and .38 wadcutters did the most damage. In our estimation, target life would be shortened significantly if this type of ammo were



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