

## NEW AMMO LOADS

The September 1997 issue comparison of .40 Smith & Wesson ammo cautioned that some 165-grain factory loads were loaded to reduced velocities. Two that were notable were Federal's Hydra-Shok and Speer's Gold Dot.

Speer has shipped us some samples of the new full-velocity Gold Dot ammo, and from the Smith & Wesson gun they clocked at 1,030 fps, the fastest 165-grain load we have tested to date in this gun.

For comparison, the Federal load averaged 898 fps from the Smith & Wesson. Other loads were as follows.

Win SXT 165-grain .....	1,016 fps
PMC FMJ 165-grain .....	998 fps
Remington Golden Saber 165-grain .....	929 fps

This new Gold Dot offering from Speer should be a good choice for a defense load. Just be certain that you have the new load and not some of the older, slower loads that have been hanging around the dealer's shelves.