



The Curious Case of the Over-Penetrating Round

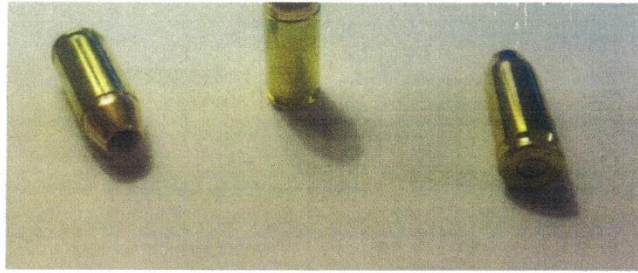
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The 9mm parabellum has come a long way since it was first introduced to the market way back in 1902. There are a wide array of ammo makers, grain size bullets and designs to make this the go-to round for many. What's more, the military and police have long relied upon its cost effectiveness, low recoil and deadly penetration. Overall, this cartridge is the most popular self-defense round available.

But, there is one problem: The 9X19 cartridge over penetrates much farther than one would hope. This means that innocent bystanders could be in danger, should a criminal be stupid enough to attack someone carrying a 9 mil. Of course, this is a good time to note that whenever you place your finger on the trigger, you need to know what is beyond your target. Furthermore, you should never place your finger on the trigger until you are certain that whatever is on the receiving end needs to die.





These 9mm rounds are courtesy of our friends at [HPR Ammo](#).

Of even bigger concern, is the fact that most people are ill informed as to what a home-defense gun should look like. A lot of newcomers to the gun scene feel as though a 9mm projectile is sufficient for home-defense because of what they hear or read about. Of course, the 9mm is great for recoil management and allowing the shooter to get back onto target quickly, but it isn't without its issues.

Unfortunately, 9mm bullets over-penetrate walls and flesh more than just about any other type of self-defense projectile. Full Metal Jacket (round tip, ball, target) ammunition by far goes the furthest. The reason why is because it is a fast moving (usually 115 grain) bullet that is narrow enough that it takes a while to slow down in a body, wall or car.

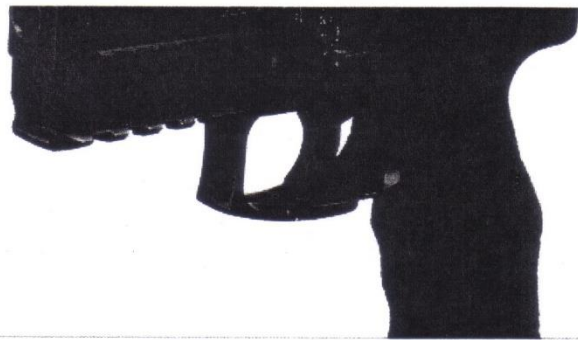


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Even worse, when you're in your home, and you're under attack, your blood pressure will be raised and your body will enter fight or flight. When this happens, a gun that weighs just a few pounds begins to shake in your hands as your vision starts to blur.

The result could be several missed shots before one of your rounds even comes into contact with your attacker. What if you've got little kids sleeping in the bad guy's general area? There's a good chance that one of your bullets could pass through both layers of sheetrock, and enter your child's room.

And, while it is true that ball ammo is by far the worst when it comes to over penetrating, even Jacketed Hollow Points have been known to travel through walls because they don't *always* expand when they hit something hard.



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This news sorta slid under the radar back in November, but BON video of one operating.

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Now, I'm not saying that you need to run out and sell your 9mm guns. Or that you shouldn't go buy one. Truth be told, they are just about as devastating as any of the other "more powerful" self-defense rounds that are available.

My point is that this is yet another reason to be aware of your surroundings, and to train as often as you can to develop muscle memory. And, honestly, anything that has enough power to do damage to the human body, can actually over penetrate further than you'd want it to. It's just been proven over and over again that 9mm does it more often than the others.

Finally, instead of using a 9mm as a home-defense gun, you might want to look into a long gun that is properly setup for home-defense. You have a better chance at being effective with it, without as much

penetration.



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After a few decades, the 9mm luger will replace the .40S&W pistol cartridge

Though still a great self defense round for concealed carry, the 9mm projectile can over-penetrate much further than you'd want it to, especially in your own home as it can go through several layers of sheetrock before stopping.

Sound Off Gun Carriers! Let us know what you think about 9mm as a personal protection round VS home defense. Then, make sure you head over to subscribe to the [Gun Carrier YouTube channel](#). In the very near future, I'll be testing the Poly Case ARX Inceptor to see how far they penetrate into a wall. Early claims show that they break apart when they hit something hard. We'll test it and see, in about two weeks time.