

NEW RHINO BULLETS

Over the past eight years or so Rhino bullets have become favourites in South Africa and elsewhere. The Rhino bullet's front half consists of a lead core, bonded to thick jacket walls, while its shank is solid copper. The lead core, together with its jacket, readily expands to about twice calibre size in an almost perfect 'mushroom' and will cut a wide wound channel to destroy a substantial amount of tissue, while the solid shank ensures deep penetration.



Rhino bullets are renowned for their excellent weight retention.

Thanks to their excellent performance on game, many hunters ask Kobus van der Westhuizen, the founder of Rhino bullets, for bullets in non-standard weights and/or in calibres for which bullets are difficult to find. One of his latest projects was to produce 340gr 'softs' and solids in .375-calibre. Heavier than standard bullets perform excellently in the .375H&H and many of you are familiar with Rhino's 380gr 'softs' (developed in 2001) that make the .375H&H a truly reliable buffalo slayer. However, Doctari (Kevin Robertson) and other hunters wanted a 'solid' super heavyweight bullet that would shoot to the same point of impact as the 380 grainer.

Doctari suggested a true solid – not an FMJ which is not always reliable – but as a 380gr lathe-turned brass solid would be too long, Kobus settled on 340 grainers. Being only slightly lighter than the proven 380gr softs, Kobus felt that they would perform on par with the heavier bullet. Benand Els was the first to try the 340gr solid – on an old giraffe bull. The solid bullet performed excellently and penetrated the body lengthwise before exiting. I fired the solid into a wooden baffle box in which it also performed very well. So far I have killed only one blue wildebeest with the 'soft' from about 50m. It was a culling operation and to save meat I had to shoot for the head. The bull looked back over his shoulder towards me and I placed the bullet slightly off-centre in the forehead – it whistled right through, exiting a few inches behind the far ear.

Many, if not most, .375H&H rifles are accurate with heavier than standard bullets and my rifle is no exception, it just loves the heavyweights. Because these bullets are generally not meant for long range shooting, I grouped them at 75m off the bench and got almost cloverleaf 3-shot groups with my very first try. A load of 64gr S355 pushes the 340 grainers from a 24-inch barrel at 2250fps and is 50fps slower from my rifle's 21-inch barrel. Although I have not done extensive tests on game, my experience with Rhino bullets is such that I can certainly recommend these new 340 grainers that retail for R210 for 25. If your dealer does not stock them, ask him to contact Rhino bullets on 082-374-6440. KB

A GLOCK INCENTIVE



According to the *Houston Chronicle* newspaper a Houston, Texas, estate agent named Julie Upton has discovered a new and successful inducement for police officers to buy a house from her. If a lawman agrees to purchase a home to the value of \$150 000 or more she offers him a free Glock pistol. Julie, whose husband Randy, is a police officer with 15 years of service under his belt, claims that her advertisements to this effect in the publication *Badge & Gun*, the official journal of the Houston Police Officers' Union, have attracted a lot of attention. She states that she came up with this idea with help from a creative consulting and design studio. Julie says that she has already given away two Glocks, hence the ad has already paid for itself. Not all of her policeman customers are interested in another gun, but if that is the case she will present them with a \$500 gift cheque. Police officers in Texas can usually buy a Glock from about \$450-\$550. A spokeswoman for the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms states that the offer appears to comply with local and federal laws. KD



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