

Accuracy/Chronograph Data

3-D Blue Box 255-Grain Lead Roundnose	Cimarron Model P	EAA Bounty Hunter	Ruger Vaquero
Average Velocity at 10 ft.	644 fps	625 fps	706 fps
Standard Deviation	14 fps	9 fps	6 fps
Power Factor	164	159	180
Smallest Group at 15 yds.	1.7 in.	2.0 in.	1.1 in.
Largest Group Size	2.0 in.	3.2 in.	1.9 in.
Average Group Size	1.8 in.	2.8 in.	1.4 in.

PMC

250-Grain Lead Flatpoint			
Average Velocity at 10 ft.	714 fps	689 fps	767 fps
Standard Deviation	9 fps	17 fps	12 fps
Power Factor	179	172	192
Smallest Group at 15 yds.	2.3 in.	2.0 in.	1.5 in.
Largest Group Size	3.1 in.	2.9 in.	2.0 in.
Average Group Size	2.6 in.	2.3 in.	1.7 in.

Black Hills

250-Grain Lead Flatpoint			
Average Velocity at 10 ft.	651 fps	644 fps	744 fps
Standard Deviation	22 fps	33 fps	12 fps
Power Factor	163	161	186
Smallest Group at 15 yds.	1.7 in.	2.2 in.	1.2 in.
Largest Group Size	2.4 in.	2.5 in.	1.3 in.
Average Group Size	2.2 in.	2.3 in.	1.26 in.

Winchester

250-Grain Cast RNFP			
Average Velocity at 10 ft.	641 fps	637 fps	705 fps
Standard Deviation	10 fps	21 fps	7 fps
Power Factor	160	159	176
Smallest Group at 15 yds.	2.1 in.	2.1 in.	1.5 in.
Largest Group Size	2.6 in.	2.4 in.	2.5 in.
Average Group Size	2.4 in.	2.2 in.	2.0 in.

Federal

225-Grain LSWC HP			
Average Velocity at 10 ft.	836 fps	809 fps	905 fps
Standard Deviation	9 fps	16 fps	10 fps
Power Factor	188	182	203
Smallest Group at 15 yds.	1.8 in.	2.0 in.	2.0 in.
Largest Group Size	2.0 in.	3.0 in.	3.1 in.
Average Group Size	1.8 in.	2.5 in.	2.5 in.

utilize an internal "floating" firing pin, it bears mentioning. Safe operation requires familiarity with the three positions of hammer, load/unload, reset and full cock. With the hammer completely forward the nose pin is visible protruding into the headspace, so it

might be wise not to travel with all six chambers loaded.

Gun Tests® Recommends

A gun is a tool. It should do exactly what you ask of it. If it isn't perfect as it comes from the factory, parts and gunsmithing tech-

niques to improve performance should be readily available. Moreover, in regards to a cowboy gun, we ask even more: A cowboy gun should also transport you to its time of preeminence.

✘ The EAA Bounty Hunter, \$296, shot well despite a heavy trigger. To improve the gun, its owner would need to get the gun a trigger job, and we also would recommend recontouring the trigger's face. Its sights are great (and modern), so it shoots well enough. But in our view, its fit and finish are lacking. We'd pass on it.

● The Ruger Vaquero, \$379, shot very well and had a modern feel to its action. But a couple of visual cues, such as the grip and hammer, dampen the Old West mood. Also, we still can't get over why Ruger hasn't supplied individual indexing for the chambers to make loading and unloading easier. The Vaquero is a solid gun, but not our first pick.

✓ Instead, our choice is the Cimarron Model P. It shot well, handled fast, and its antique metal finish and distressed wooden grip draw admirers faster than a pretty horse. Yessiree, we'd buy it. ●

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