



## A New Look At Handgun Loadout

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### Your Handgun Ammo

The ammo you load actually depends on the time of year, believe it or not.

- Most of the year, carry frangible rounds as the first two rounds in your magazine. These are pressed rounds that break up into fragments on impact.
- The rest of the magazine should be filled with hollow points.
- In Fall and Winter, keep the frangibles for the first two rounds, but fill the rest of the magazine with personal protection ammo (like Speer G2) and hard-cast lead rounds if you live in an area where you could face large threats of the 4-legged kind – like hungry bears, wolves, or ogres.

### Know What Different Rounds Do

Different ammunition has different qualities. While this sounds obvious, it makes a real difference regarding what your gun will accomplish.

- **Hard-cast lead rounds** are harder than traditional soft-lead "ball" ammo. It has a flat point on it. It crushes everything in its path and penetrates deeply.
- **Frangible rounds** don't break up as quickly as most people think they do. They still penetrate sheet rock, but disintegrate when they hit steel, brick, or cement.
- When a frangible round hits fluid, it breaks up, causing multiple wound channels.
- Loading the first two rounds with frangible ammo helps prevent ricochets from coming back at you if the round strikes something very hard.

### Consider Specific Threats

Because different rounds do different things, that demands you customize your loadout.

- Consider the specific threats you will face when choosing your ammo.

### Customizing Your Carry Ammo

When considering your carry ammo, you have to modernize your thinking.

- Throw out any beliefs, ideas, or history that you have that is more than five years old. The world of defensive ammo changes at an amazing pace.
- Rounds that were cutting-edge 15 years ago are barely adequate now.
- You need to base your evaluation of ammunition on current information, not outdated information or what you recall from years ago.
- A good 9mm today is as good as the best .45 15 years ago.

### Should You Add "Tracer" Rounds?

Military personnel might add tracer rounds at the end of their magazines so they know they're running out.

- There is "Streak" ammo that has that luminescent quality, similar to tracers.
- You could do this and condition yourself in training to reload as soon as you see that bright color.
- This is a great way to "automate" the tactical reload analysis process.

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