IS COPPER AMMUNITION THE WAY?

TESTIMONIALS

“As a hunter/conservationist, I try to keep my ecological footprint small. Using copper bullets helps in that effort, and I like the way that they perform.”

– Mark Johnson, Executive Director, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association

“I stopped using lead bullets for hunting in 2009. Since then I’ve successfully taken whitetail deer, elk, bison, caribou and several African animals with copper bullets. I’ve always been impressed with the performance of copper.”

– Mike Schrage, wildlife biologist and hunter

“After three bald eagle patients died in my care from lead poising, our family began using copper bullets for deer hunting. The transition was easy and it feels good to know we are doing our part to ‘keep the lead out’ “

– Beth Siverhus, wildlife rehabilitator and hunter

Join Us in Making a Difference

ALTERNATIVE AMMUNITION: GOOD FOR HUNTING GREAT FOR CONSERVATION
**Alternative Ammunition:**
**Good for Hunting; Great for Conservation**

- Promote the image of hunters as conservationists
- Demonstrate stewardship for preserving our national bird, the bald eagle
- Protect your family from unintended lead exposure
- Continue Minnesota's great deer-hunting traditions and management of our state deer herd through hunting

**Concerns with Lead Ammunition**

- Lead bullets fragment, contaminating the meat and gutpiles of harvested deer.
- Lead fragments can penetrate up to 18 inches into muscle tissue adjacent to the wound tract and are often too small to be seen, felt, or tasted.
- Ingested lead interferes with the nervous system (neurotoxin).
- There is no safe level for consumption of lead in pregnant women or children.
- Secondary, unintentional poisoning of eagles can occur when they scavenge gut piles of deer taken with lead bullets.

More information at:
www.huntingwithnonlead.org
www.nps.gov/pinn/naturescience/leadinfo.htm

**Copper Ammunition FAQs**

**Q:** Will non-lead bullets foul or wear out my barrel faster than lead bullets?

**A:** No. Today’s non-lead bullets affect barrels in the same way that copper-jacketed lead bullets do. As with any bullet, proper firearm maintenance and cleaning is essential.

**Q:** Is copper ammunition expensive relative to lead ammunition?

**A:** The cost of non-lead ammunition is similar to premium-grade lead ammunition.

**Q:** Are non-lead bullets as accurate as lead?

**A:** Yes. These bullets offer exceptional accuracy and terminal performance over a wide range of velocities. As with lead bullets, try different brands and grain weights to see which shoots best in your rifle.

**Q:** What if I have already sighted in my gun with lead ammunition?

**A:** Hunters find it economical to sight in their guns with lead ammo, and finish off sighting in with 2-3 copper rounds to verify the pattern.