

## Random gun thoughts

Starting with y2k preps there are many many people that will try and convince you that you need "X" amount of ammo for your rifles, and "Z" amount for hand guns, etc. I have yet to see anyone come up with a reason for these recommendations of amounts. I also hate it when Im asked how much ammo is a bass minimum. the real answer is "as much as you can comfortable afford". For crips sake, don't spend the kids lunch money on ammo, and don't hawk the dog for that extra box of 45.

Yeah I know this is easy for me to say because I have a gun store that calls me to borrow a few thousand rounds. 🤖 But the truth is that you can only carry so much. And if you have an invading force coming down the street, you'd be foolish to try and take them all on from your home. If you own a firearm for home defense, then you need to look at how many rounds your going to fire each time someone breaks in, and how many times do you see this happening. If you worry about TPTB kicking in your door in the middle of the night, then chances are that no amount of ammo will save you. Do you expect open combat in the streets? If this does happen, then I honestly hope that you have a good hiding place, because you and your family vs an invading force aren't good odds.

Im not going to bother with what the best firearm is to have if you can only have 1, 2, 4, etc. Those topics can and will be debated until the end of time, and as long as you have something that your comfortable with, and is reliable, then it/there the gun(s) for you. As a whole the statistics for distance are; Less then 25 feet for handguns, and less then 85 yards for rifles, in an urban environment. There is little need for a rifle that will shoot the center out of a life saver at 500 yards in the city. If you have a handgun that will hold 2" groups at 25 yards, then you have an accurate handgun, and one that you should be proud of. But that's well beyond the range that you'll most likely need it at. Personally, if I have to shoot at something past 50 feet, then I want a rifle. (Ill get into match accurate handguns in a bit) What if all you have is a handgun, and need to make a shot out past 25 yards? Well then I hope you thought of that before the situation came up, and that you had a chance to practice shooting at those ranges... a lot.

The concept of taking firearms off of dead enemy troops is a great concept on paper. If you get a hold of a M16, do you know how to use and care for it? What about an AK47? And then there are those spiffy belt fed machine guns. Now is the time to find a friend that has the civilian versions of the most likely weapons to be encountered, and learn how to use them. Chances are that it will be either M16s or AK47s that you'll find. On the civilian market these would be the AR15 and one of several names for the civilian legal version of the AK. Now is the time to get to know these weapons, not when you pick one up in the field. Ohh yeah, about those spiffy belt fed machine guns. You'd bee best served by knowing how to unlink the ammo for use in a weapon you know how to use.

Match accuracy and tight groups are a great thing at the range. But in the real world, the tighter the group, the tighter the gun and tight guns aren't real reliable when they start to get dirty. There is a great debate over which of two semi automatic rifles id the best to have in a SHTF situation. Im not going to get into which they are, or which I feel is better. I have both, and like them for different reasons. The biggest thing I hear about why one is so much better then the other is group size at 100 yards. If you have a automatic rifle that will shoot 1/2" groups at 100 yards, Im happy for you. But in the real world, are you going to carry a \$1500 11 pound rifle and the shooting bench into the field with you?

You'd be amazed what happens to those groups when your shooting from the shoulder while being shot at. Look at it this way. If TSHTF and your heading for the hills, would you rather have a Ferrari, or a Jeep? Personally, Ill take rugged and reliable, over high performance. The same holds true with handguns. If you have the chance, take your weapons of choice out and run 500 rounds through them in one range session, just to make sure they'll hold up. Granted if TSHTF you'll put more then 500 rounds through it between cleanings, but 500 rounds is a good number to start with. Plus after 500 rounds you should have a good feel for the weapon, and it will be broken in by that point.

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