

STANREC 4744

Risk Assessment of Non-Lethal Kinetic Energy Projectiles, Edition 5, 15 July 2021.



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BTTR calibration check

PROJECT NO.	40-69	DATE	2025-10-27
CLIENT	Kwest	TEMPERATURE (°C)	22
PROJECTILE	41 mm nylon baton (with spacer strips)	RELATIVE HUMIDITY (%)	30
CONDITION	ambient , free flight	TECHNICIAN	CW
RANGE	air cannon (42.8 mm copper barrel)	PROJECTILE MASS (g)	140
REFERENCE SPEC.	n/a		

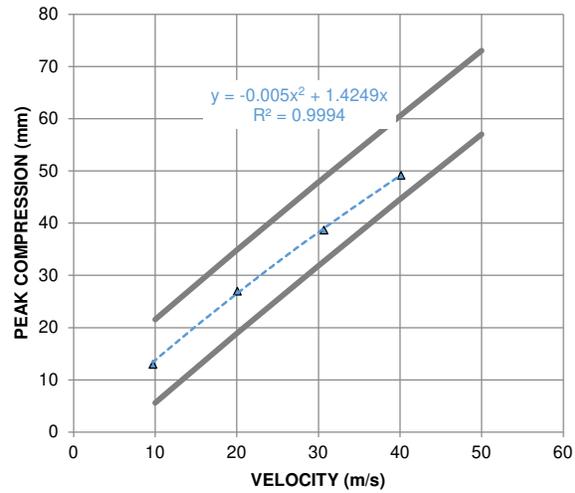
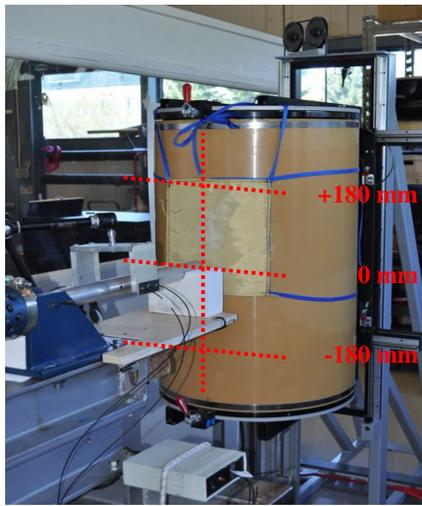
Shot No.	Location		Velocity m/s	Energy J	Cmax mm	
	deg.	mm				
1	0	0	9.7	6.6	13.0	
2			20.0	28.1	27.0	
3			30.7	65.8	38.7	
4			40.1	112.6	49.2	
5		180				
6						
7						
8						
9		-180				
10						
11						
12						
REMARKS						

ANALYSIS

ROOT-MEAN-SQUARE DEVIATION			
			N/A mm
VELOCITY	9.7	to	40.1 m/s
ENERGY	6.6	to	112.6 J
Cmax	13	to	49 mm

SETUP

Software	Biokinetics BTTRv503
TRANSDUCER	MEL (M7L/200-10B)
SAMPLING FREQUENCY	10 kHz
ANTI-ALIASING	n/a
FILTER	1 kHz low pass
CHEST DEPTH (mm)	236
VC SCALE	0.432
LASER CAL. (mm/V)	-10.099



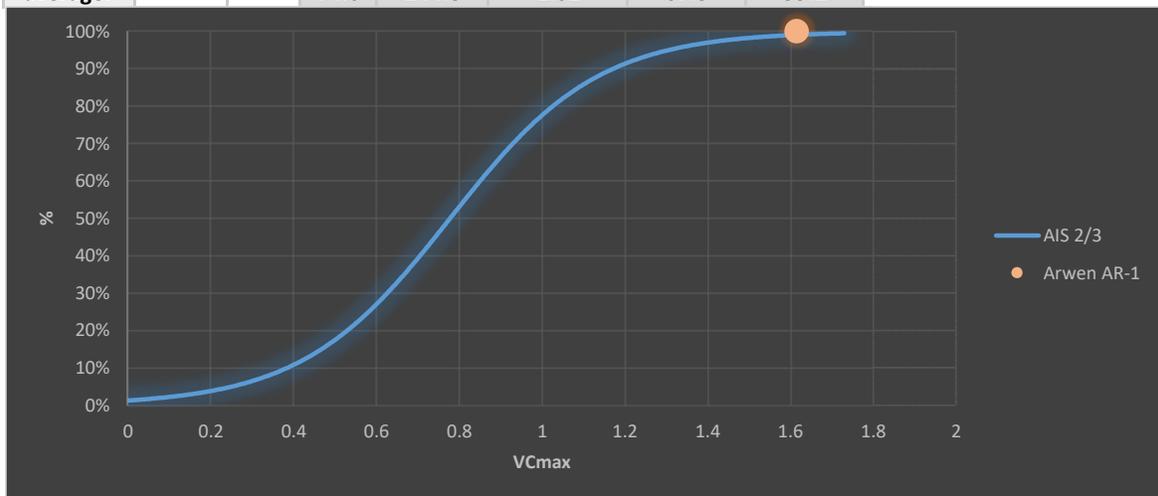
Thorax Injury Risk Assessment of Non-Lethal Projectiles
Edition B, Version 1, July 2021.

Method AEP-99 - VC_{max} assessment at single velocity
Test Date 2025-11-17

Set-up		Launcher:	Air Cannon
Temp. (°C)	22	Obliquity:	Normal
R.H. (%)	23	Range:	#2, 37mm dia. steel barrel
Backing structure:	BTTR (see previous)	Tech.	CW

Projectile Details		Lot No.	n/a
Manufacturer	DefSec Technologies	Diameter (mm)	37
Description	Baton Munition	Nominal mass (g)	81.4
Model	Arwen AR-1	Velocity (m/s)	75
Type	Kinetic	Velocity (feet/s)	245

Results									Analysis	
Sample ID	Serial	Fair	m/s	ft/s	(VC) _{max}	C _{max} (mm)	AIS 2/3			
25-9-25-5	1	Y	74.8	245.4	1.59	67.4	99.0	<i>n</i>		10
25-9-25-6	2	Y	74.4	244.1	1.62	65.9	99.1	<i>s</i>		0.02
25-9-25-7	3	Y	74.5	244.5	1.63	68	99.2	<i>k</i>		3.98
25-9-25-8	4	Y	74.2	243.3	1.62	68	99.1	Mean (VC) _{max}		1.62
25-9-25-9	5	Y	75.1	246.4	1.60	67.4	99.0	UTL (VC) _{max}		1.68
25-9-25-10	6	Y	74.7	245.0	1.59	68.2	99.0	KE (J)		227
25-9-25-11	7	Y	74.9	245.6	1.62	67.3	99.1	ED (J/cm ²)		21
25-9-25-12	8	Y	74.3	243.7	1.63	67.4	99.2	AIS Code		3
25-9-25-13	9	Y	75.1	246.3	1.61	68.6	99.1	AIS 2/3 Risk		99%
25-9-25-14	10	Y	74.4	244.2	1.64	66.9	99.2			
average:			74.6	244.8	1.62	67.5	99.1			



The average VC_{max} of 1.62 was measured at 75m/s (245 ft/s) and represents a 99 % risk of AIS 2/3 injury.

Term	Definition
Obliquity	Normal to a surface refers to the direction that is perpendicular to the surface being targeted.
Fair	Velocity and projectile orientation are with parameters
m/s	Velocity in meters per second
(VC) _{max}	Maximum Viscous Criterion value
C _{max} (mm)	Maximum compression of membrane
AIS	Estimated Abbreviated Injury Scale Code
AIS 2/3	Percentage risk of an AIS 2-3 injury
Mean (VC) _{max}	Average of the (VC) _{max}
UTL (VC) _{max}	Upper Tolerance Limit of the (VC) _{max} with a 95% CI
KE (J)	Kinetic Energy in Joules
ED J/cm ²	Energy Density- Energy per unit area

Abbreviated Injury Scale	Prob of Death (%)
AIS 1 – Minor	.1 - 1
AIS 2 – Moderate	1 - 2
AIS 3 – Serious	2 - 16
AIS 4 – Severe	16 - 30
AIS 5 – Critical	30 - 99
AIS 6 – Lethal	100

NATO STANREC 4744 should not be considered as a definitive or prescriptive standard for the use of NLKEPs, but rather as a reference tool for informing decision-making and risk management. The STANREC outlines the criteria and thresholds for each level of injury, as well as the methods for calculating the probability of injury given a specific NLKEP and impact scenario. However, NATO STANREC 4744 also acknowledges that there are inherent uncertainties and limitations in the data and models used, and that the results should be interpreted with caution and professional judgment. We are offering two levels of reporting to facilitate the interpretation of data. This “test lab report” provides all information required for a knowledgeable third party to review and evaluate the data for the purpose of decision-making and risk management. Our “formal report” is intended to provide some basis of the test methodologies used in the assessment of injuries from less-lethal ammunition. It contains references to published information from the standards groups and the scientific literature and provides the scientific bases for decisions, interpretations, and implementation of the methodologies for the given product being evaluated. This guidance may be helpful because not all injury mechanisms/modes, severities, threat types/velocities and anatomical/age/sex differences have been studied fully. For this reason, test methods often describe the conditions under which they were created to help with interpretation of the results. For example, the AEP-99 standard for thoracic blunt trauma is based on several different blunt projectiles and biomechanical test conditions. However, some newly developed KENLW ammunition might fall outside the studied threat velocities. The scientific experts will therefore note these limitations to make the reader aware of these when interpreting their data. It also helps to identify areas of future research that are required to complete our understanding of injury outcomes.

Non-lethality is not a fixed property of a weapon, but rather a function of many factors, such as the type, size, shape, velocity, and angle of the projectile, the distance and location of the impact, the physical characteristics and health status of the target, and the availability and quality of medical care. Therefore, testing and evaluation of NLKEPs should consider all these factors and uncertainties, and provide clear and reliable data and recommendations for their ethical and responsible use. Users of NATO STANREC 4744 should consider its assumptions, limitations and uncertainties and interpret results with due diligence and professional expertise.