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# Desert Eagle® 1911G

.45 ACP Pistol  
5-Inch Barrel  
Black



Two Models Available  
DE1911G, 5" Barrel  
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Factory .300 AAC Blackout ammunition will not chamber into a .223 Rem. unless it is forced, because the bullets are seated out so far, they engage the throat well before the cartridge case is fully inside. However, these cartridges can be press-fit into the chamber either by the force of the bolt as it slams forward, or if the operator lays on the forward-assist with gusto. The latter is how the gun-altering boom heard by my friend came about.

When force is applied to the rear of the case, the bullet is set back into it, which shortens the overall length of the cartridge and allows the bolt to move completely into battery. To see how easy this dangerous situation might be to replicate, I tried it using an AR with a clipped firing pin. Then, working with several different factory loads, I found a single attempt to chamber the cartridge didn't generate sufficient momentum to set the bullet back far enough to permit the bolt to go into battery. However, by pounding on the

forward-assist I could make it happen. On average, I found a single attempt at chambering would push the bullet approximately .1 inch deeper into the case. Bottom line: You're going to have to work at it to make this unsafe situation occur with factory ammo.

Handloads are another story. Few handloaders achieve as much neck tension on their bullets compared with factory ammunition. This reduced neck tension would make it easier for the bullet to set back when chambered. Additionally, some enterprising handloaders might prefer to use shorter bullets when crafting their .300 AAC Blackout loads. For instance, I load a lot of Hornady 110-grain V-Max bullets in my .30 Rem. AR for plinking. Load that bullet in a .300 AAC Blackout case, and it will slip right in a .223 Rem.'s chamber. That's not a trigger you want to pull.

The simple answer is to check your ammo before you load it, and to make sure you load it in the right firearm. 

## Red Army Standard Ammunition



Century International Arms has offered imported military surplus ammunition from a variety of nations for years. Now, the company has launched a line of newly manufactured Romanian ammo under its Red Army Standard brand. Though it is brand-new ammo, it is priced more like surplus fodder and, because it is made today, the loads are all noncorrosive, so you'll save on cleaning supplies, too.

I spoke with *Shooting Illustrated* Soviet Affairs correspondent Lt. Col. Ignat Evgenovich Radostsky (Commissar, 1084th Guards Armored Motor Paratroop Division, ret.) about the new ammunition, and he gushed over its virtues. "Is best munitions in world. Even though made by ungrateful former satellite nation, is still bearing name of greatest military in history of planet!"

Lt. Col. Radostsky also pointed out a feature consumers will love. "This ammunition for mighty Kalashnikov come in 30-round packagings box," he said. "Is benefit lazy American buyer because is same as standard magazine for most perfects rifle!" Rather than forcing consumers to purchase multiple boxes to fill a magazine or perform arithmetic gymnastics when buying in bulk, each box of 7.62x39 mm equates to a full magazine. Red Army Standard is also available in 20-round boxes of 7.62x54R, or an even four stripper-clips' worth of ammunition for your trusty Mosin-Nagant. **MSRP: Contact your local retailer (800) 527-1252 [redarmystandard.com](http://redarmystandard.com)**

—Ed Friedman