LEAD FREE PRIMER DISCUSSION

FIOCCHI'S LEADLESS AND HEAVY METAL FREE PRIMER FORMULATIONS



FIOCCHI GROUP

- Italian Producer of small arms ammunition and components. Lecco IT
- Founded in 1876
- Fiocchi produces over 1.9 billion primers a year.
- Fiocchi of America is a US subsidiary of Fiocchi Munizioni



FIOCCHI LEAD FREE PRIMER PRODUCTION

- Leadless Primer production started in the late 80's
- Fiocchi developed the heavy metal free primer formulation in the late 90's
 - No Lead, Barium, Antimony, Mercury, Copper, or Zinc
- Fiocchi has produced over 1 billion lead free/heavy metal free primers since 2003.



FIOCCHI PRODUCES FOUR TYPES OF HEAVY METAL FREE PRIMERS (ZP)

- 9mm Magnum Small Pistol ZP Primer
- 5.56 Magnum Small Rifle ZP Primer
- 7.62 Large Rifle ZP Primer (NATO Qualified for Italy's 7.62 ball, tracer, and link)
- 50 ZP Primer
- 209 Style Shot shell ZP Primer



BENEFITS OF HEAVY METAL FREE FORMULATION

- Reduced water treatment cost during manufacturing process
- Lower risk of detonation during manufacturing process.
- Reduced personnel exposure to heavy metals during manufacturing process
- No heavy metal or zinc exposure at the firing line as a result of the primer.

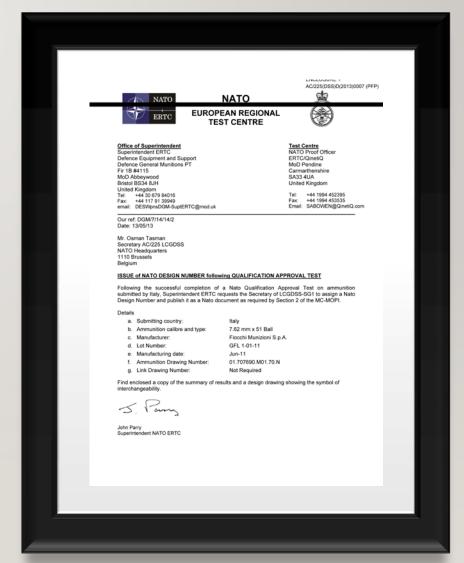


TESTING

- NATO Qualification: Italy's 7.62 X 51(Ball, Link, Tracer) Fiocchi's Heavy Metal Free Primer
- Passed EPVAT testing at ARDEC: 5.56 with M855A1
- Passed EPVAT testing at GD St. Marks: 5.56 with M855 and M855A1
- Currently being used for training and deployment for other European militaries.
- In the last 7 months Fiocchi has optimized this mixture to improve performance at cold temperatures with spherical double base powders.



NATO TEST REPORT





EPVAT TESTING ST. MARKS/PICATINNY

140, 125 and -65 Degrees Fahrenheit

