



**New Jersey
Office of the
Attorney General**

**Attorney General's
Approved List of
Less-Lethal
Ammunition**

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The following guidance on less-lethal ammunition is provided to assist the New Jersey law enforcement community in their use of force options in accordance with 2C:3-11 –

“Less-lethal ammunition” means ammunition approved by the Attorney General which is designed to stun, temporarily incapacitate or cause temporary discomfort to a person without penetrating the person’s body.

Acceptable less-lethal impact projectiles/ammunition will be only those, which are designed by the manufacturer for single target specific engagement from a minimum standoff distance as prescribed by the manufacturer. Maximum effective distance/range for deployment of specific projectiles shall not exceed the manufacturers specifications for engagement. Intentionally aiming acceptable less-lethal impact ammunition at the head, neck, chest and groin should be avoided unless deadly force is justified, necessary and appropriate. No ammunition designed to be skip-fired, and/or non-target specific will be deemed acceptable.

Acceptable less-lethal impact projectile/ammunition will only be those products designed by their manufacturers to be fired/launched from a 12-gauge shotgun, 37mm or 40mm smooth or rifled bore launching system or paintball type device with a bore diameter between .68 - .691 of an inch.

A firing/launching platform not listed above, currently under development and/or marketed to the law enforcement community at a future date, will be required to be reviewed by the New Jersey State Police Weapons and Tactics Committee and the Office of the Attorney General before being added to this list (see List of Approved Ammunition, below).

The following comprises a description of types of acceptable less-lethal impact projectiles/ammunition. Specific ammunition fitting the characteristics of the descriptions and examples of this list which have been tested and found compliant are set forth in the list of approved devices below.

12-Gauge



- Non-squared, pelletized or liquid filled media, direct fire, drag and non- drag stabilized kinetic impact bag

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- Plastic, rubber or composite kinetic energy round (includes close, mid and extended range projectiles)

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Fin Stabilized



Non-Fin

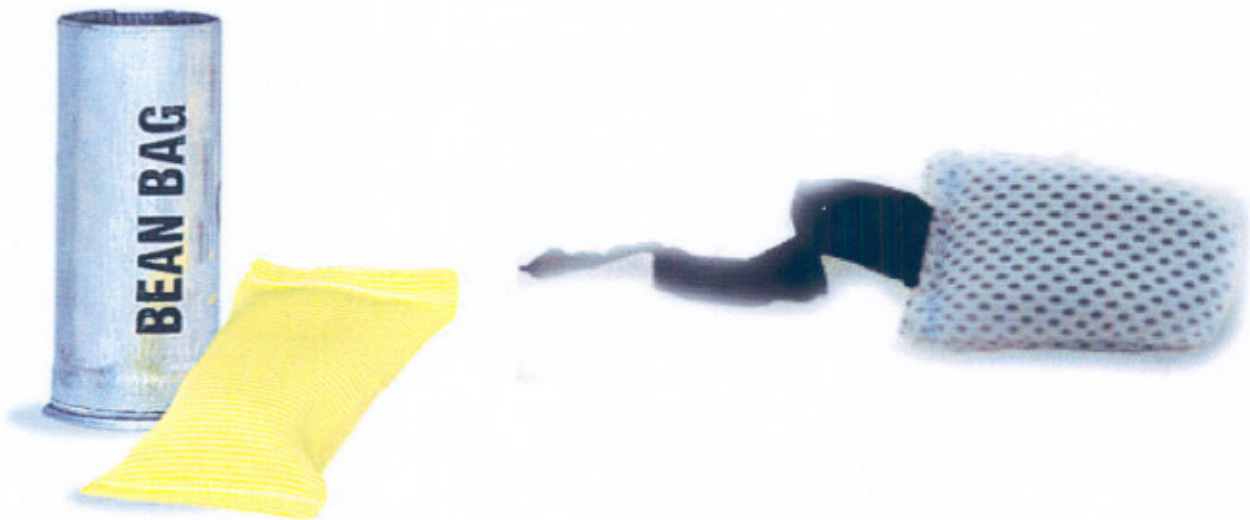


37MM



- Non-squared, pelletized or liquid filled media, direct fire, drag and non- drag stabilized, kinetic impact bag

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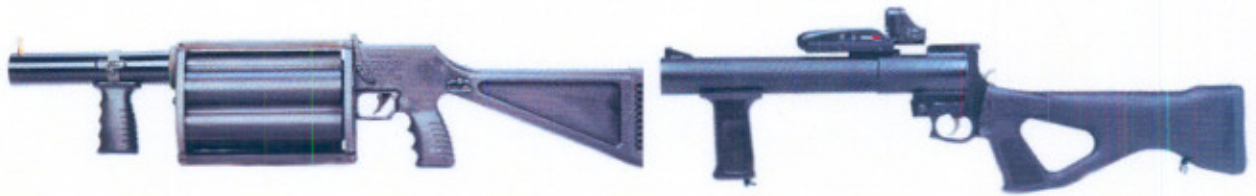


- Single projectile, plastic, rubber, foam or composite (sponge) kinetic energy round (includes mid and extended range projectiles)

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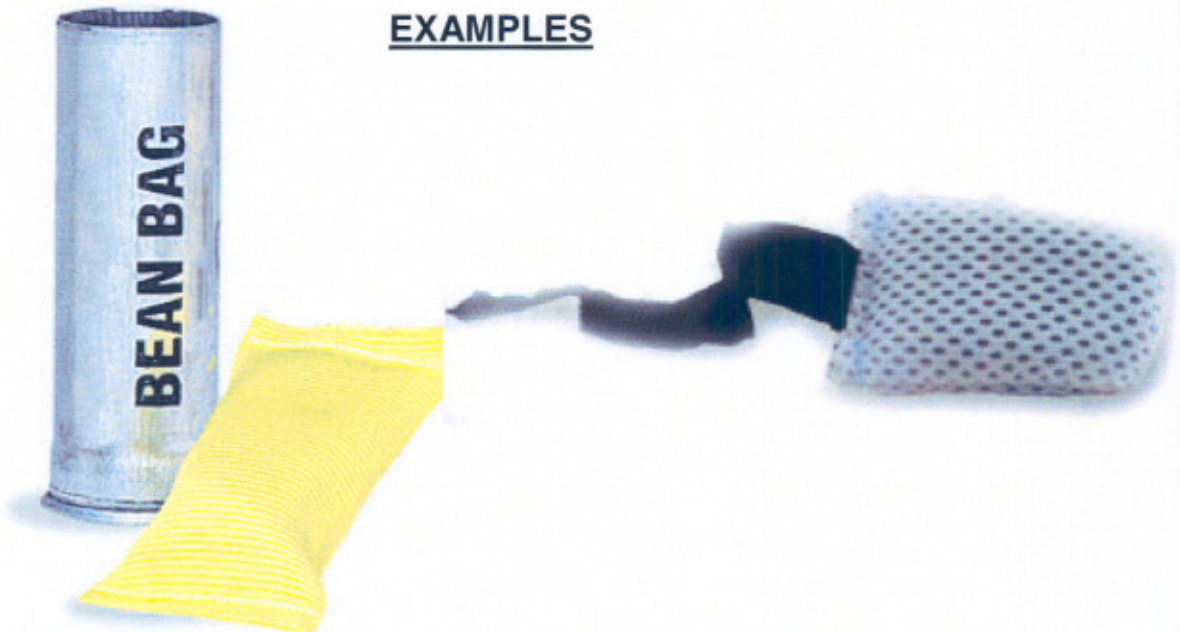


40mm



- Non-squared, pelletized or liquid filled media, direct fire, drag and non- drag stabilized, kinetic impact bag

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- Single projectile, plastic, rubber, foam or composite (sponge) kinetic energy round (includes mid and extended range projectiles). Smooth bore or spin (rifled) stabilized

EXAMPLES



Paintball type Platform



- Gel or soft plastic kinetic impact projectile, OC or permanent and temporary marking liquid.

EXAMPLES



List of Approved Ammunition

The following devices have been tested by the New Jersey State Police and are in compliance with the criteria set forth hereinabove. These devices (and only these devices) are approved for use in New Jersey. Officers must be trained in compliance with the Attorney General's Policy before carrying or using these devices.

Defense Technology Corporation

- 40mm eXact impact XM 1006 - Sponge Round
- 40mm Direct Impact OC - #6320
- 37/40mm Bean Bag - #37BR
- 12 gauge Drag Stabilized Bean Bag - 23DS

Combined Tactical Systems

- 40mm Spin Stabilized Foam Baton - #4557

A.L.S. Technologies Incorporated

- 40mm 33 gram REACT Projectile - ALS4006D
- 37mm Pen-Prevent 150 gram ballistic bag - ALS3704
- 37mm 21 gram Mono-Baton - ALS3706
- 12 gauge Hydro-Kinetic Impact Bag - ALS1200
- 12 gauge Rubber Fin Rocket - ALS1202
- 2 gauge Pen-Prevent drag stabilized ballistic bag - ALS 1212

Combined Tactical Systems

- 12 gauge Super Sock Bean Bag #2581

Lightfield Less Lethal Research Inc.

- 12 gauge Superstar LSSR - 12
- 12 gauge Superstar LSLR - 12
- 12 gauge Mid-Range Rubber Slug LMSR 12
- 12 gauge Extended Range Rubber Slug LERS - 12

This policy recognizes that technology is continuing to evolve in this area. Thus, an agency and/or manufacturer which wishes to have ammunition or a firing/launching platform not specifically listed above approved for use in New Jersey, including those currently available, under development and/or marketed to the law enforcement community at a future date, must submit that ammunition or firing/launching platform to the New Jersey State Police Weapons and Tactics Committee for testing and evaluation.

The New Jersey State Police Weapons and Tactics Committee may require the agency and/or manufacturer to supply samples of the ammunition and/or a firing/launching platform for testing purposes. If the New Jersey State Police Weapons and Tactics Committee finds proposed ammunition and/or a firing/launching platform to be consistent with the Attorney General's Policy, they may propose to the Attorney General that the ammunition and/or firing/launching platform be added to the list of approved ammunition and/or firing/launching platforms.

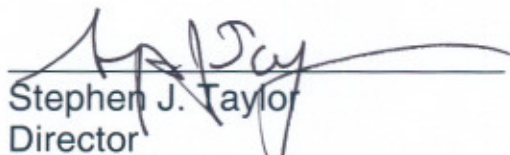
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