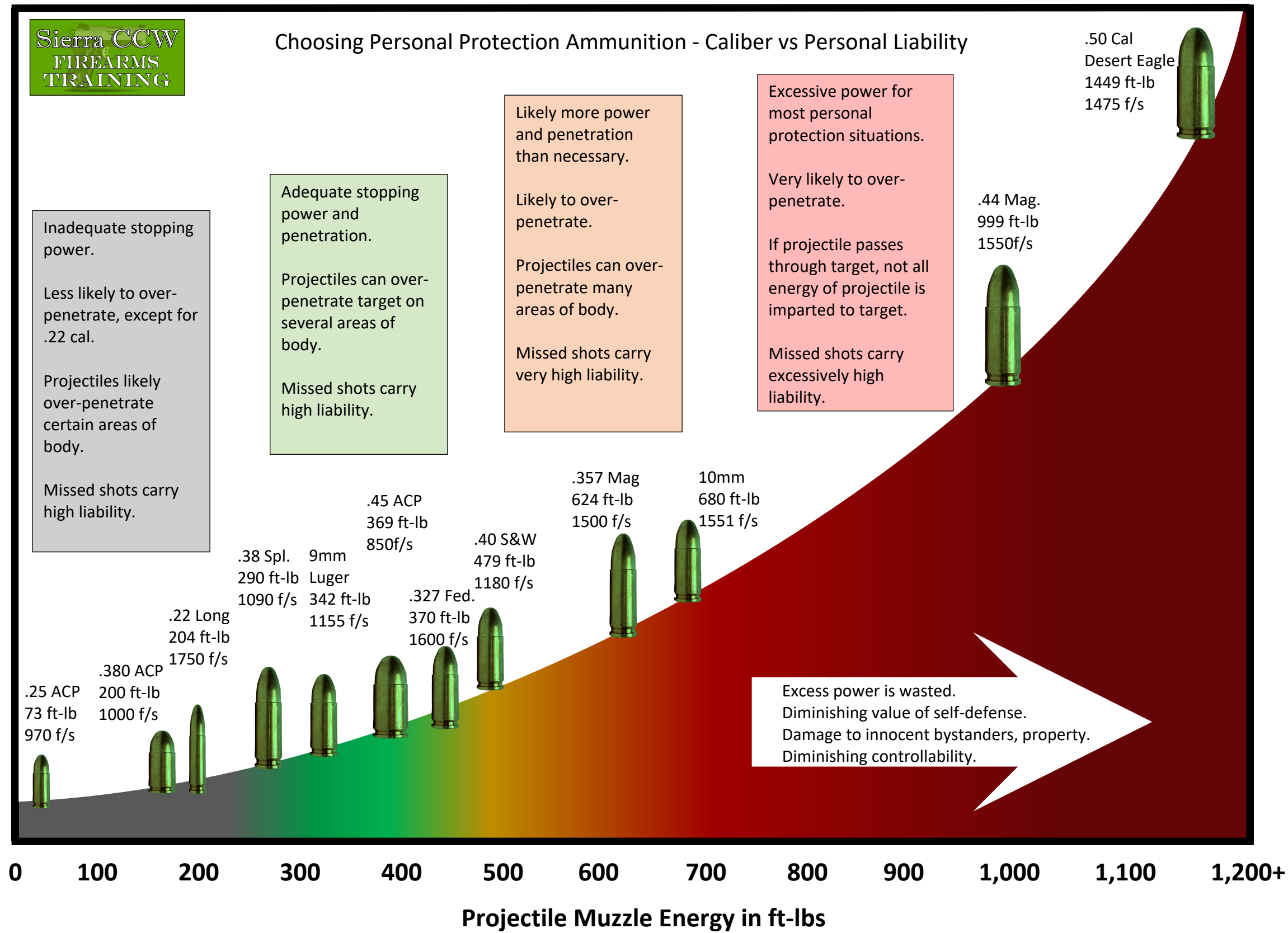




Choosing Personal Protection Ammunition - Caliber vs Personal Liability

Relative Personal Liability of Shooter

Extreme Risk
Risk Exceeds Benefit
Greater Risk
Acceptable Risk



Inadequate stopping power.
Less likely to over-penetrate, except for .22 cal.
Projectiles likely over-penetrate certain areas of body.
Missed shots carry high liability.

Adequate stopping power and penetration.
Projectiles can over-penetrate target on several areas of body.
Missed shots carry high liability.

Likely more power and penetration than necessary.
Likely to over-penetrate.
Projectiles can over-penetrate many areas of body.
Missed shots carry very high liability.

Excessive power for most personal protection situations.
Very likely to over-penetrate.
If projectile passes through target, not all energy of projectile is imparted to target.
Missed shots carry excessively high liability.

Excess power is wasted.
Diminishing value of self-defense.
Damage to innocent bystanders, property.
Diminishing controllability.

Velocity and muzzle energy values from "Table of Handgun and Rifle Cartridges", Wikipedia, 2/3/2020