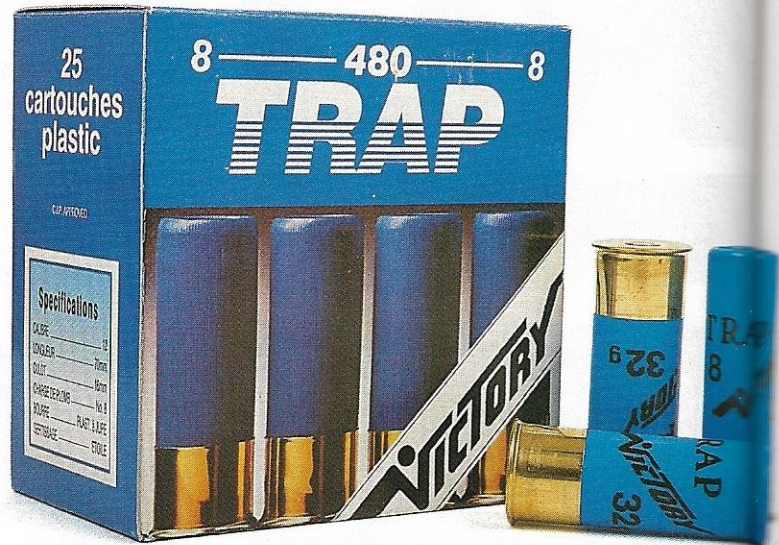


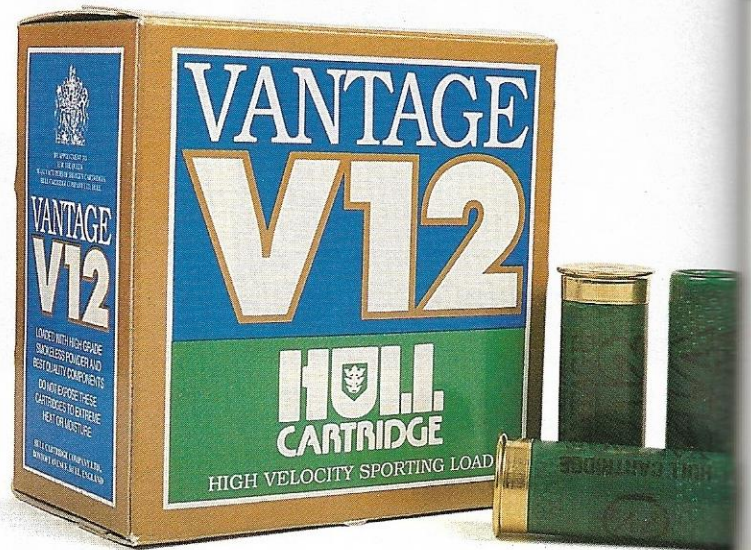
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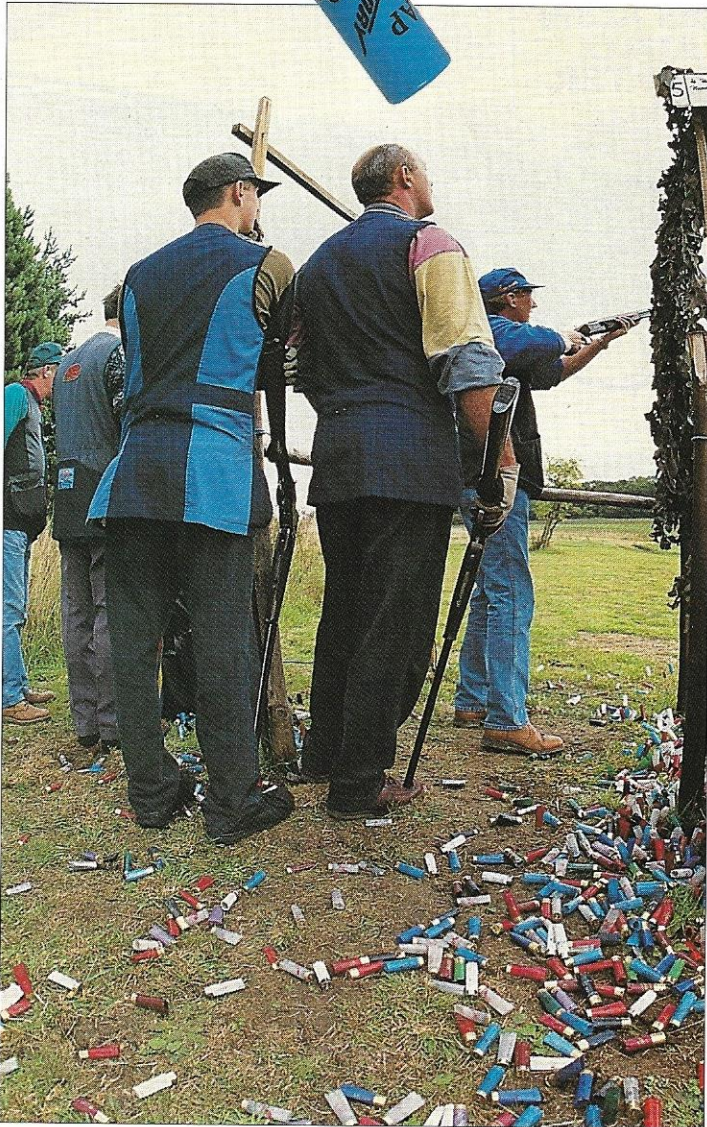
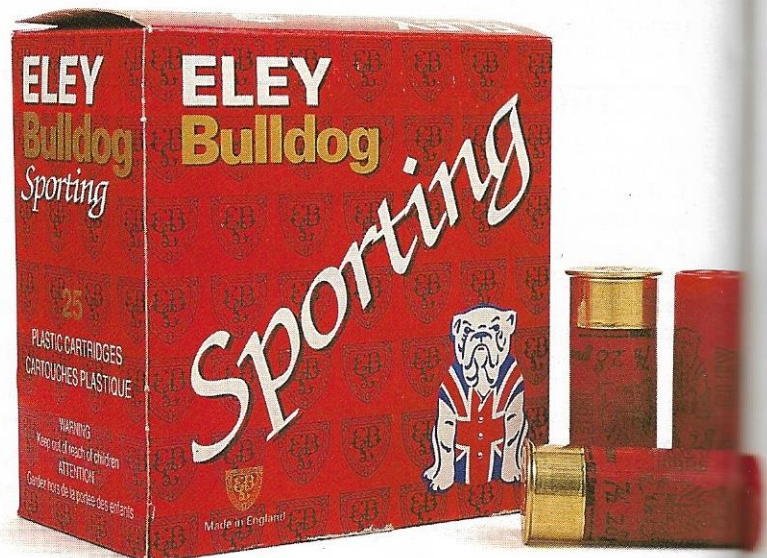
**VICTORY 480 TRAP**



**HULL VANTAGE V12 FIBRE**



**ELEY BULLDOG FIBRE**

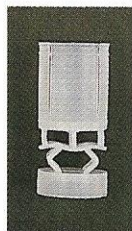


**SOMETHING  
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There's no need for a good trap shell to go off with a mighty, tooth-rattling wallop, and more gentle performance is kinder to both the shoulder and the brain. Victory's contender in this department is the 480 Trap (480 being the pressure in bars), and we're looking at it in its 1½oz configuration - an OK load for some club competitions and the exciting discipline of FITASC Sporting.

Despite the low pressure the performance is pretty good - 1,300 ft/sec at the muzzle, and 1,020 ft/sec down-range. It's packed in a pale blue, lightly-ribbed 70mm case, and the head is 16mm deep. Seal is with an eight-star crimp which gives consistent pressures. Propellant is 20.5 grains of a green, flake powder and the plastic wad is Victory's own proven Power Piston. The accurate size 8 shot recorded 33 per cent on our crush test for hardness.



## ● VERDICT

If you need a relatively relaxing 32gr. shell, this is a good one to choose.

**VICTORY...a smooth operator.**

### SPECIFICATION

<b>LOAD:</b>	28 gram
<b>SHOT (size):</b>	English 8
<b>SHOT (crush):</b>	33%
<b>POWDER:</b>	20.5 grains, green flake
<b>WAD:</b>	Power piston
<b>MIN. CHAMBER:</b>	2¼
<b>CASE (size):</b>	70mm
<b>CRIMP:</b>	8 star
<b>PRESSURE:</b>	480 bar
<b>VELOCITY Muzzle:</b>	1,300 ft/sc
<b>VELOCITY Observed:</b>	1,020 ft/sc
<b>PRICE (Approx):</b>	£ 96 per 1,000

This shell has recently emerged in some smart new packaging, and this time we're looking at the fibre-wad version. The 70mm case is translucent green, lightly ribbed, and is closed with a six-star crimp. Head depth is 8mm. Hull has settled on 22 grains of grey disc powder for this load and the 17mm fibre wad is backed by a substantial over-powder card which helps stop the "black confetti" problem of fall-out after a shot has been fired.

The size 7½ shot was accurate to size, and recorded a crush hardness figure of 30 per cent.

Muzzle velocity is 1,387 ft/sec, with 1,054 ft/sec recorded down-range. Pressure is 504.66 bars. It's often the case that cartridges loaded with fibre-wads usually provide slightly higher pressures than their plastic-wad equivalents, but with this Hull shell the difference is tiny.



## ● VERDICT

A good cartridge for those times when the landowner demands you use a fibre wad.

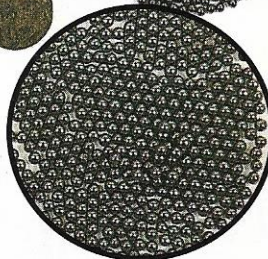
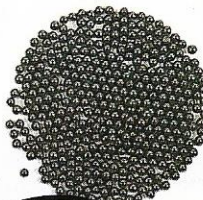
**HIGH fibre, low shredding.**

### SPECIFICATION

<b>LOAD:</b>	32gram
<b>SHOT (size):</b>	7½
<b>SHOT (crush):</b>	30%
<b>POWDER:</b>	22 grains of grey disc
<b>WAD:</b>	17mm fibre + over powder card
<b>MIN. CHAMBER:</b>	2¼
<b>CASE (size):</b>	70mm
<b>CRIMP:</b>	6 star
<b>PRESSURE:</b>	504.66 bar
<b>VELOCITY Muzzle:</b>	1,387ft/sc
<b>VELOCITY Observed:</b>	1,054ft/sc
<b>PRICE (Approx):</b>	£ 107 per 1,000

It has been a year since we looked at the plastic-waded version of this new range and now we've got the chance to find out what the fibre version is capable of doing. As with the plastic wads, Eley have colour-coded the cases for easy recognition by the shooter. All cases are 70mm and designed for guns with 2¼in chambers or longer.

The lightly ribbed case used for this load has a 12mm. brass head, and propellant is 24.5 grains of grey flake. Closure is with a nice, neat, 8-star crimp. Wad is in two pieces totalling 18mm in depth with an over-powder card. Muzzle velocity is 1,450 ft/sec, with a 20-metre observed figure of 1,120 ft/sec. Pressure is three tons per square inch, which you can't translate exactly into bars, but the figure is a bit over 500. The 28gr. of shot is of Eley manufacture and was hard, round, and true to size. It recorded the excellent crush value of 28 per cent.



## ● VERDICT

Excellent shot, and a good all-round performance

**TIP-top shot from the Eley factory.**

### SPECIFICATION

<b>LOAD:</b>	28gram
<b>SHOT (size):</b>	English 7½
<b>SHOT (crush):</b>	28%
<b>POWDER:</b>	24.5 grains, grey flake
<b>WAD:</b>	18mm + over powder card
<b>MIN. CHAMBER:</b>	2¼
<b>CASE (size):</b>	70 mm
<b>CRIMP:</b>	8 star
<b>PRESSURE:</b>	500+ bar
<b>VELOCITY Muzzle:</b>	1,450 ft/sc
<b>VELOCITY Observed:</b>	1,120 ft/sc
<b>PRICE (Approx):</b>	£ 108 per 1,000