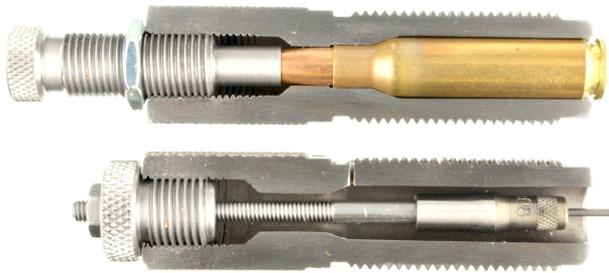


Toolmarks on Reloaded Ammunition

Forensic Training Class



Where:
86916 Landsberg,
Bavaria, Germany
FSG Sandau Shooting Range

When:
April 16 - 20, 2018
(April 23 - 27, 2018)

Language:
The class will be
held in English

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Reloaded ammunition may be encountered by the firearm examiner in the forensic examination of evidence. Identifying it as such ammunition is of importance. Toolmarks of the reloading process can identify the reloading tools used. But they may also interfere with the identification of a firearm. This hands-on training class will specifically address reloaded ammunition from the view of the firearm examiner.

- Practical, hands-on reloading techniques, with single stage and progressive reloading machines.
- Toolmarks and the tools they are produced with will be examined.
- Explanation of the different tools and dies involved in the reloading process.
- Case cleaning methods and their effect on breechface, extractor and ejector marks.

- Origin and persistence of toolmarks on the cartridge cases and primers after firing.



- Hands-on practice of the different bullet manufacturing processes used by reloaders.
- Toolmarks on the bullets.
- Hands-on conversion of commonly available cases into obsolete calibers.



- Reloading methods for obsolete calibers (rimfire – pinfire).



- Sources for reloading tools and dies.
- A thorough review of reloading components (projectiles, cases, primers and propellants).

- Introduction to the examination of reloading accidents with blown up firearms.



- The history of reloading.
- Historical reloading tools.
- Finally
Test the newly acquired knowledge with multiple test examples:
"Is it a reloaded cartridge?"

Different toolmarks on reloaded cartridges will be examined and evaluated by the students.



Equipment available:

Reloading equipment
Bullet manufacturing equipment
Stereo Microscopes
Comparison Microscope
Modern equipped class room
Shooting range

Tuition fee

Early entry € 900,- Euro / student
Late entry € 1000,- Euro / student
(+VAT if applicable)

including

- Monday through Friday class
- 100 page work book
- All components (bullets, cases etc.) used during the class



The modern equipped class room



Test firing of reloaded ammunition on the shooting range

Axel Manthei,
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Forensic Scientist
Firearm Examiner
Accomplished Target Shooter

Axel Manthei has an engineering degree in firearms design and ballistics from the HTBL Ferlach, Austria. He was employed as a research & development engineer with UMAREX for 6 years. Since 1988 he is working as a Firearms Examiner in a large German Police Crime Laboratory, and has examined crime scenes in Europe, Asia and South America. He also owns his own company which produces the well-known Ammunition Database CartWinPro. In 2007 he was awarded the title European Engineer (EUR ING) for his achievements by the European Federation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI).



Axel is a Distinguished Member of the Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners (AFTE). He has presented numerous papers at AFTE (Association of Toolmark and Firearm Examiners), ENFSI (European Network of Forensic Science Institutes) and other forensic conferences in the US, Africa and across Europe.

Also he is an accomplished target pistol shooter on an international level. He has competed in Europe, America, Asia, Africa, Australia and the Middle East and has been a US-National Champion as well as World Champion. In this capacity he reloads his own ammunition since 1977. In these 40 years the cartridges he has produced probably exceed a quarter of a million rounds. The combination of being a handloader and a forensic scientist in the field of firearms and ammunition prompted the idea of a class in the forensic aspects of reloading for firearm examiners in 1999. Since then he has taught numerous consecutive sessions of this topic for Austrian, Swiss, US and German firearm examiners.

