

Bullet(s)

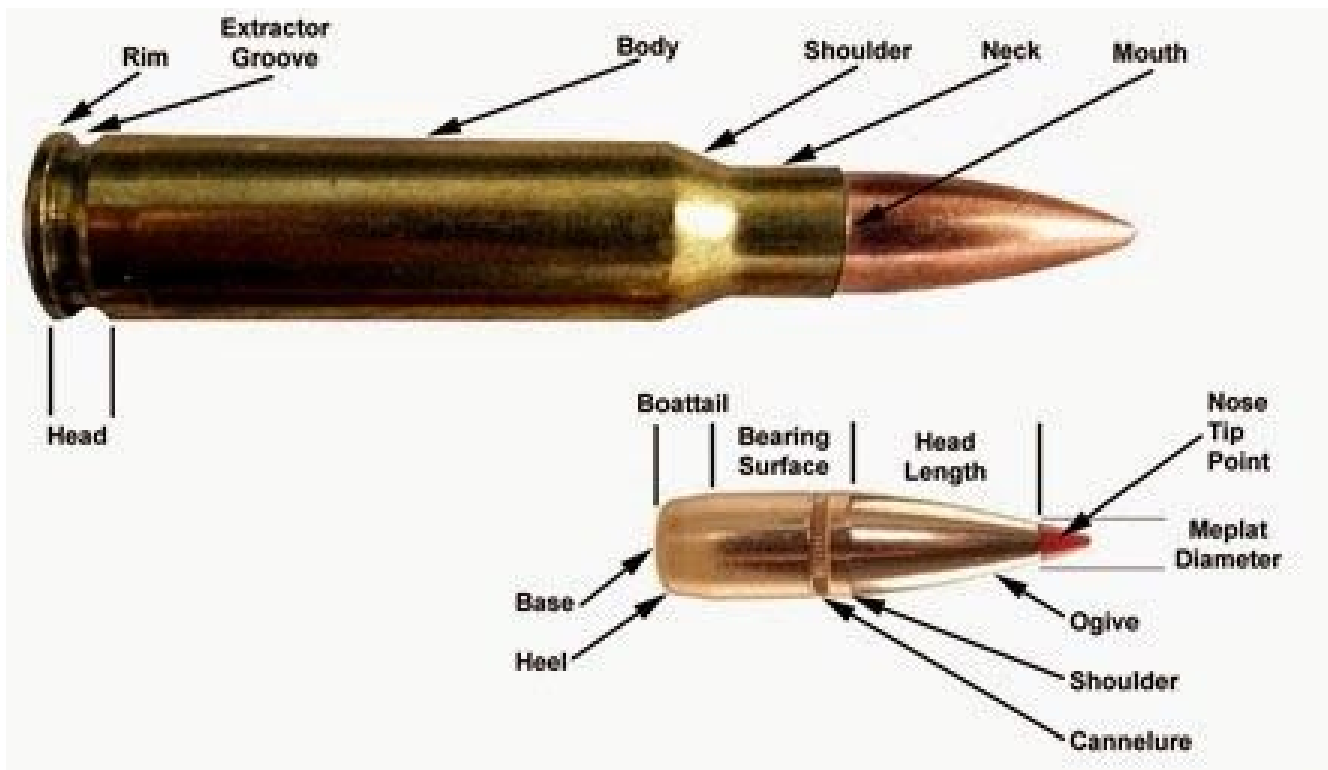
(13.11 Gross_Only_Bullet); Created January 27th, 2021 by Jeremy Deisch, MD

SAMPLE DICTATION

(Labeled: __, __; __) Received fresh [is a single / are multiple] [intact / fragments of] bullet(s), measuring __ x __ x __ cm and weighing __ grams. The bullet [is/is not] deformed (if deformations are present, describe the location). The outer surface of the bullet [is/is not] jacketed; the attached jacket [is intact / is split and fragmented]. The side of the bullet [shows/lacks] linear grooves and ridges (if present, give direction of grooves - clockwise or counter-clockwise - as they proceed from the base to the tip. No additional tissue is present in the specimen container. (Imaged, Gross Only)

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Do not handle bullet specimens with metal forceps (avoids obscuring markings and grooves on specimen)
- Be extra careful with these specimens - they are medicolegal specimens, and are required by law enforcement for investigation - These specimens should be...
 - Described in adequate detail
 - Photographed
 - Returned to the evidence locker in the accessioning room ASAP
 - Remember to document "Record of custody" properly - please review separate hospital laboratory policy re: handling of bullets, and ask gross room or accessioning staff if you have further questions.
- See below for a diagram of bullet (and cartridge) components for terminology



- NOTE - At the request from law enforcement personnel, bullets may be taken directly from the surgeon to law enforcement personnel for evidence purposes, particularly if removed outside of normal hours of operation for the surgical pathology department. There will be no record of receipt or documentation of these bullets in the pathology department, but should be documented in the surgeons operative note.