

detectable damage to the sheetrock.

Over-pressure is a concern when using any type of explosive in a confined space or interior environment. When it comes to the TG 6, the question is "What overpressure?" Since the device has no explosive component, this is not an issue. There is no glass or fire hazard with it either.

One of the two diversionary device Subject Matter Experts in my department is currently my patrol supervisor. I had him in a ten-foot-square room for a test deployment. He commented that, while it was not as loud as he had expected, it was quite sufficient for the intended purpose. He had expected an over-pressure issue and was pleasantly surprised that there was none.

**BONUS BOO BY TRAP**

Non-Lethal Training Munitions designed a trip wire-initiated booby trap component to go with the TG 6. It consists of a mounting bracket, a four-strand wire spool, wire ties, a booby trap clip and directions. The booby trap clip is significantly smaller than the standard safety and comes with a noticeably smaller pull ring on it. This smaller clip is significantly easier to dislodge, making it ideal for the booby trap role.

The one concern I noted with the booby trap feature was binding the spoon in the bracket. This took place when the bracket was set up in such a way that the booby trap clip turned the device in the bracket when the trip wire was pulled. When this happened, the device functioned, but did not seem to burst as quickly.

During the course of testing, I found two diaphragms that were rather difficult to seat. In comparing them to other diaphragms, I noted that there was no visible difference. They seated fine when I put them in place prior to inserting the CO2 canister and closing the two halves of the body.

**PARTS, INSTRUCTIONS AND COSTS**

The manufacturer specifically recommends being cautious of dirt and grit and ensuring that, when the TG 6 is used in areas with them, that you clean it well before reassembling it. From our experience throwing these in a dirt parking lot, I concur with them. Just clean the threads and machined areas as needed.

Both the TG 6 training grenade and the booby trap kit come with clear, easy to use instructions.

Cost is always a consideration in purchasing training items. The TG 6 works

to the end user's advantage. A complete basic kit goes for \$119.95 and the booby trap kit costs \$39.95. A 12 pack of bursting diaphragms and CO2 canisters plus two replacement "O" rings is \$59.85. There is also a 72 pack of diaphragms, canisters and replacement "O" rings available. Comparing the 12 pack cost to the cheapest reload price I could find on the web, it showed Saf-T-Bang and Titan distraction device reloads at \$10 each in a 10 pack, but that was a four-year-old price list and it does not take into account spoons, strikers, pins and springs.

Non-Lethal Training Munitions, LLC, catalogs spare parts, including a carry pouch, and has them available.

If you or your agency employs noise/flash diversionary devices, you know that you need to train with them regularly. The TG 6 is a very viable option for initial and force-on-force training as well as booby trap simulation—especially if cost is a consideration. §

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This article is dedicated to Shakeré Guy, assigned to the 1/184IN (AASLT) as a gunner. He was killed in action by an IED in southern Baghdad on 29 October 2005 and posthumously promoted to Sergeant. Rest in peace, brother.

