

## Dots and Glow in the Dark Sights

**The sight issue is in reply to a question from a General Grade Officer:**

There are two categories of shooting. One is **target** and the other is **combat**. Sometimes they cross paths but not much.

A Rifle is a good example in which one looks over his sight to a target that is in part obscured by the front sight blade. He shoots and does not measure. (**Battle Sights**) With the **Peep Sight** he squares the alignment of his weapon for distance but the rear sight does not obscure or draw attention to the eye. The front sight obscures all but where one wants to hit the target.

**Reflections** off the front sight we often blacken for reference as we know to better define the target behind the front sight.

If we Block our vision with a **white sight** or **dot**. We cannot clearly define our target quickly. Our eye is drawn to the sight not past it to the target. It is an **obstruction and distraction** such as with a *reflection* that needs to be masked. It is a **hindrance to tactical marksmanship** in the day or bright light conditions, and should never be used.

Another example would be stainless steel. We need to **blacken that sight (as with a white dot)** to identify a target with the weapon.

**Low light conditions:** We do have times when a black sight might blend with a target. Early and late might be good examples. But generally your sight is darker than the target and is fine. Your sights are closer to the eye where it is more defined. The more faded in light a target, the more you really can see it with the front sight blade.

**Dark or Poor light condition:** Here we might BE in the dark or within a building. In this condition (and I have fought in danger close no light conditions) one squares to his target and shoots over his gun. The first round fired illuminates the target and you repeat with a view solely ON the target and not the sights. Ever.

Therefore there **IS no valid reason for night sights**, glow in the dark, or dots. You are either looking over your sights pointing at a target danger close and firing, or are dead from trying to USE dot sights that have no tactical advantage over ones that do not.  
**Period.**

**Conclusion:** Anyone who uses a night glow sight or dot system is a dead man walking. I would distribute such sights to all adversaries who wished to install them on their weapons in hopes they would use them. No professional would have those types of sights on their weapon.

**Now in target or special situation shooting a colored sight is helpful.** Target shooting as example, when trying to hold point of aim inside a black bulls-eye a white sight will

help define the front sight blade. With a **Combat NCO you use chalk** and strike the front sight for greater visibility. I did that myself last week in fact; couldn't find my sight on that black target. **When completed shooting I simply wiped it off.** In a dim lit house one could do the same thing with red, orange or white chalk for momentary use and wiped off with the thumb to return to black when the need diminishes. I do carry white chalk if needed. But the front sight is merely a pointer and even on a black target used in example; if it were a *combat target* I "Touch It" and shoot; we are not target shooting then, we are terminating. **Terrorist shooting** is often pop-up in nature or point and shoot quick. I need all of that front sight blade to help me terminate that target quick **and is why our Combat NCO sights are the size it is. It was designed specifically for that "danger close" threats.**

**"Dot sights" go with cocking a pistol with your boot using the rear sight. BULL.** Arm chair experts, are dead men walking. If wounded the NCO can be cocked and cycled by pushing its nosepiece on anything including the dirt. It can be charged and ready to engage with either hand if incapacitated. And I know personally all about that. So when you are living or dying with a weapon and under the worse physical conditions, like me you will dream of a *Combat NCO* in the quiet of your mind. If I am dying let it be that weapon in my hand designed for the duty I serve. It is the smartest gun I have ever seen making **ME the most dangerous man on THIS earth with a pistol**, day or night; close or far; as far as the human eye can see. **No other weapon can make that claim, and no man do I fear armed with something else.**

**I don't favor a night system sir.** For the record I can put ANY Marine on a 20" man target with any Combat NCO at 300 yards with 2 minutes instruction and 2 minutes of demonstration. I can also put a man who cannot see further than 10 feet on a 200 yard target that he cannot see at all. I can put all Marines that are armed with a Combat NCO on a 650 yard impact zone for cover fire within 2 minutes of demonstration. And I can prove it without preparation anytime, anyplace, anywhere, under any conditions. Give me five Marine recruits for five minutes who have never SHOT a pistol and I will show you the most dangerous demonstration with a pistol you have ever seen; and when done, those recruits will show ALL how to shoot in the dark with me in tow. Marines do follow their Drill Instructors and I can instill the confidence, instruction and skill they will have with them all the days of their lives.

If it were me General I would forward an email to CMC or the CG of Marines on the line. Put me with Marines pulling the trigger who understand me clearly. Let them whisper the truth of the *Combat NCO* from the trenches; and then maybe, maybe CMC will want to hear about my new Infantry Rifle, get it on the line, and other weapon systems I have for our Marines.

Marines are trained to shoot. I would give them the tools. Most certainly I would give them, me. Like the pistol, I am a Combat NCO.

SF,  
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