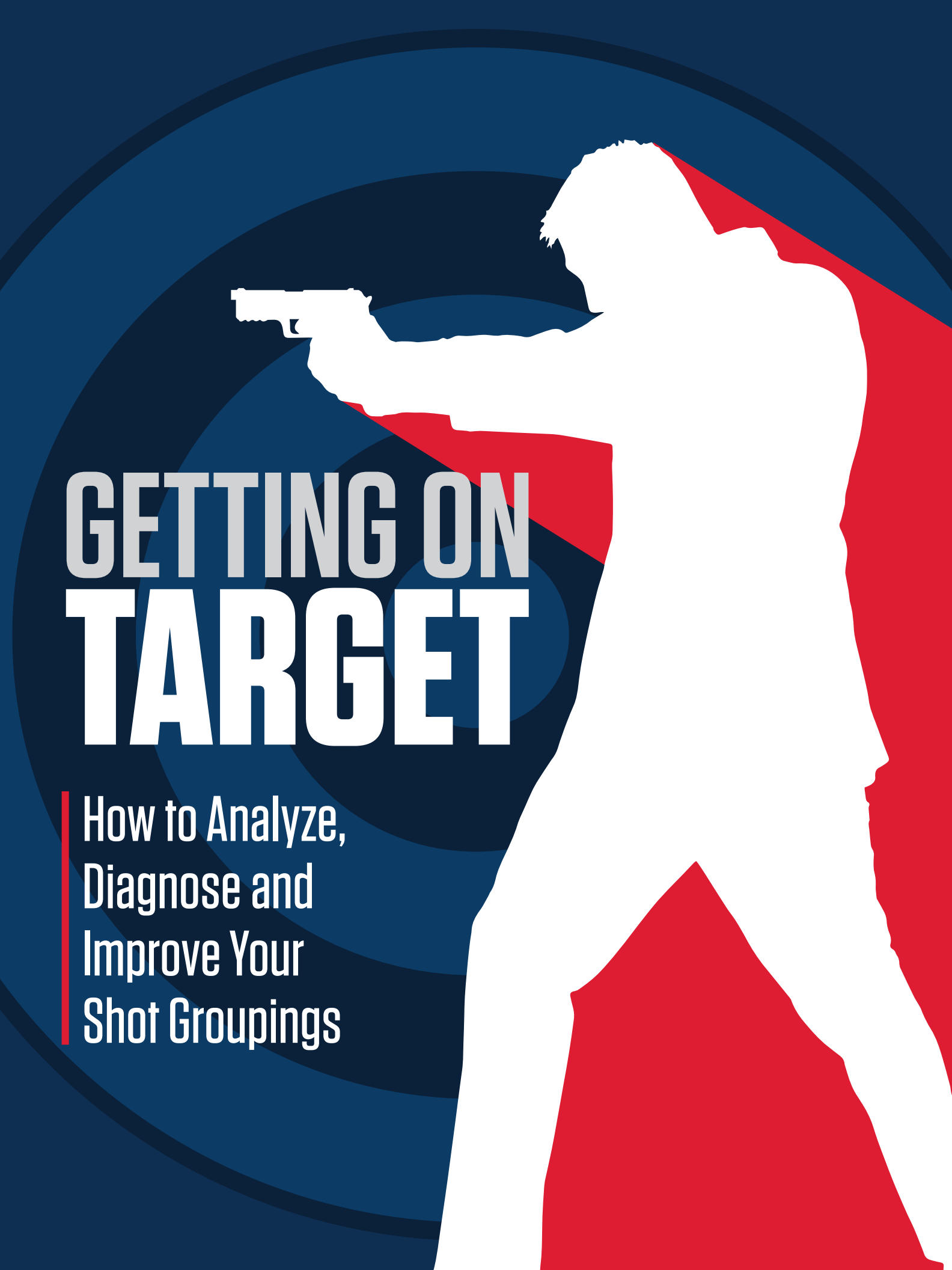


The background features a large target with concentric blue circles. A white silhouette of a person wearing a red cape is shown from the side, aiming a handgun towards the target's bullseye. The person's right arm is extended forward, holding the handgun. The red cape flows behind them, adding a sense of motion and heroism to the image.

GETTING ON TARGET

How to Analyze,
Diagnose and
Improve Your
Shot Groupings

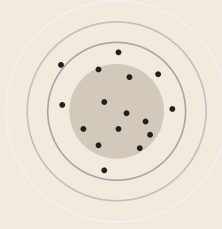
Pistol Group Analysis

Groups tell you more than individual shots. Analyzing your shot groupings can help you determine what needs to be corrected. Don't look at this as "what you're doing wrong." Focus on the opportunities to diagnose and remedy a problem. The groups below represent a right-handed, right-eye-dominant shooter. Left-handed shooters can simply reverse the groupings.

No Group / Scattered

Possible Causes:

Multiple problems are evident. Start with natural point of aim, then grip and trigger.



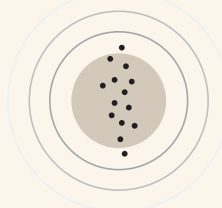
How to Correct It:

Practice, practice, practice! Control your front sight and trigger finger.

Vertical Center

Possible Causes:

Breathing while aiming and firing, swaying forward and backward, or weak shoulder muscles.



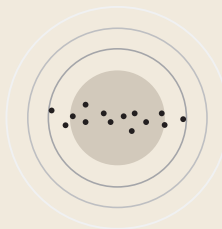
How to Correct It:

Consciously keep a firm stance; take breaks between shots to give your shoulders a rest.

Horizontal Center

Possible Causes:

Poor stance (resulting in swaying), bad natural point of aim or poor grip.



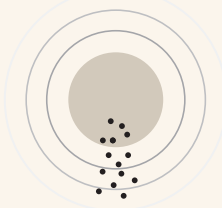
How To Correct It:

Keep your elbows locked and shoulders forward, maintain proper breathing and use the first pad or joint of your trigger finger.

Low Center

Possible Causes:

Poor sight alignment, anticipating recoil or poor follow-through.



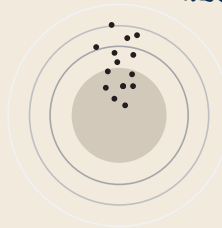
How To Correct It:

Keep your wrists locked, concentrate on not anticipating recoil and be sure to follow through properly.

High Center

Possible Causes:

Poor sight alignment, breaking wrist/pulling pistol up or too much pressure in the heel of the hand.



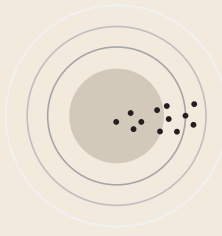
How To Correct It:

Make sure you're not lifting the barrel of the gun too high; focus on pressing the trigger more smoothly.

Right Horizontal

Possible Causes:

Poor sight alignment or applying too much pressure with the thumb.



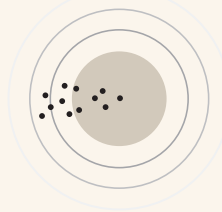
How to Correct It:

Reset your shooting-hand thumb on top of your supporting thumb and don't move it when you pull the trigger.

Left Horizontal

Possible Causes:

Increasing grip pressure as the shot breaks, bending wrist to the left or relaxing your elbow during shot breaks.



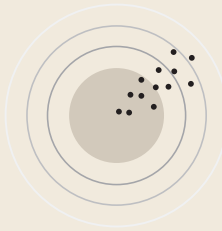
How to Correct It:

Use the outermost pad on your index finger and keep your wrists properly locked.

High Right

Possible Causes:

Slack in the wrist while firing, too much pressure in the heel of the hand or anticipating recoil.



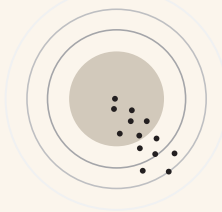
How to Correct It:

Don't push the gun forward; let it recoil into the heel of your hand when you fire.

Low Right

Possible Causes:

Slack in the wrist while firing, "snatching" the trigger or pulling the gun to the right.



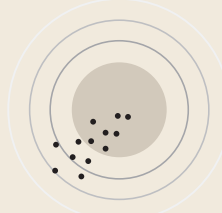
How to Correct It:

Let the recoil happen naturally. Grip the gun firmly so it travels upward with the recoil.

Low Left

Possible Causes:

Jerking (excessive trigger pressure), canting the pistol to the left or dropping the barrel.



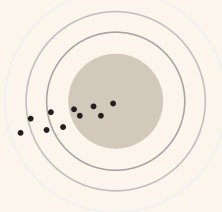
How to Correct It:

Pull the trigger straight back with constant pressure and don't rush the shot or anticipate recoil.

Low-Left Horizontal

Possible Causes:

Pushing the trigger, moving the trigger and/or the gun to the left, or applying extra pressure with your fingertips and/or pinky finger.



How to Correct It:

Make sure you're squeezing the trigger with the center of the outermost pad of your index finger or index-finger joint.

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