

STOP CHASING PRIMERS

Replace your broom with a UniqueTek.

If you're a reloader and you don't already know about UniqueTek, here's your chance. They make, among other things, reloading press upgrades, as well as small accessories, improved parts or specialized extras—the little items that make life so much easier.

The first one I'll cover (and we're going back to UT again and again in the future) is the spent-primer feed addition. I've been doing a lot of reloading in the last 30-plus years on a Dillon 550B. It's a versatile, adaptable and quick-enough loading setup, but there are a few details that just needed a bit more work. One is the spent primer handling process.

The Dillon process uses a hinged box beneath the shell plate. The ram goes up, and the primer is decapped by the sizing die. The pushed-out primer drops into the box, and then the box cover hinges open when the ram comes down, depositing the primer into a cup that rides on the press frame.

Well ... sometimes.

The end result of a loading session invariably involves a scattering of spent primers on the floor. They miss

The UniqueTek primer system attaches to the Dillon press (press model specific) and has a long plastic tube to route the spent primers to a bucket on the floor. If you load on a Dillon, this is a must-have.

the cup, the hinged plate opens early or late, the pivot binds ... whatever. I just learned to live with it, until I found UniqueTek.





The UniqueTek primer system rides higher (black) than the Dillon cup (gray) and thus catches more just because of that.

\$30 IN GOLD

Their adapter costs \$30, and it's a must-have. The main housing replaces the cup, and instead of riding below the hinged housing, it sits higher and envelops it. And the adapter has a large-diameter clear plastic tube on the bottom to let the spent primers fall all the way to whatever bottle, box, can or jug you have waiting for them.

No more mess.

You might say, "Thirty bucks is a lot to pay when I can just sweep up the primers that miss." Yes, you could. But miss one of them, get it caught in the tread of your shoe and then hear *click, click, click* as you walk across the hardwood floor your wife just paid big bucks to have sanded, stained and sealed, and you'll regret that parsimonious attitude.

The other thing is the size. The little cup that Dillon provides holds a few

hundred, which means if you aren't paying attention to the cup in a long loading session, it starts to spill out. Fumble in taking it off, and there are now even more spent primers on the floor.

Instead, route the tube down to an empty plastic milk jug or maybe an old paint can. You'll have to be loading for a long time to fill a gallon, and when you do, it'll be easier to handle, having, oh ... a handle. And primers, being mostly copper, have some value at metal recyclers ... once you find one who knows what primers are.

This is the sort of thing that has made America great once before. Somebody comes up with an idea or product, and someone else gets part of that with an upgrade or improvement. We all benefit. And I can stop sweeping the loading room floor.

Well, for primers, anyway. **GDTM**

