Assessment of kinetic non-lethal elements effect

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The paper focuses on the method for assessing the effect kinetic non-lethal elements produce on a multicomponent target, and introduces some exposure characteristics combining up to five characteristics of a striker and the target. The study stresses that it is necessary to choose a characteristic depending on specific nature of damage occurring in a certain target component. The calculated parameters of kinetic elements were compared with the thresholds of exposure characteristics. This yields a conclusion on safe and efficient range of operation. The thresholds of exposure characteristics were compared with the injury severity ranging, which enable us to identify the non-effectiveness characteristics. The dependencies of exposure effect for chest traumas of various severities were estimated, and logistic distribution was used as an interpolation formula. Based on the assessment done, the paper makes technical recommendations to improve the kinetic element both by increasing the area of element-target interaction and decreasing the element's kinetic energy.

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