

EQUIPMENT

[choices and opinion]

Not all the shooting I do, or thought, effort, and research I put into shooting, is strictly competitive in nature. I also have an interest in gaining proficiency in tactical-type rifle use. This was a natural progression based which led to the development of the TUBB 2000t (tactical) rifle, as well as other products I have designed for use by tactical professionals.

To define the term, “tactical” use is not so much a set of techniques or equipment specialties as it is a definition of the circumstance under which a rifle is employed. Most commonly this will be in the law enforcement or military role in a sniper operation. There are also other circumstances wherein a competent marksman with an accurate rifle is a crucial component in a successful operation.

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Most of what makes for a good competition rifle also makes for a good tactical rifle, by my standards and definitions of “good.” Essentially, the reasons I believe the TUBB 2000 is the ultimate field rifle are founded in comparing virtually each positive point for its superiority as a competitive High Power rifle with those same requirements for a tactical use rifle (along with the notable absence of negative points). Specify the ideal tactical rifle, in other words, and it will carry most of the same requirements as the ultimate across the course rifle. There may be particular differences, such as caliber and sighting choices. An ideal tactical

rifle is fully adjustable to the individual, adaptable to all shooting positions and environments, constructed for rugged use, has superb accuracy, unfailing reliability, and consistent performance in all weather conditions. It should also be easy to transport, unaffected by transport, and capable of being disassembled and reassembled without any change in point of impact. It also satisfies the most important requirement: the highest probability of hitting the target on the first, and subsequent, attempts. That, point by point, is the TUBB 2000. A review of the material in this book

discussing rifle designs should make

that clear. I can, however, draw focus to specific instances whereby the 2000t exceeds all reasonable requirements for tactical use.

Across the course and long range competition isn’t conducted under predictable conditions, and these conditions are frequently harsh — high wind, rain, fog, heat, cold, and usually more than one factor in combination. It is rare that we are shooting matches on an ideal day. Not only does this tax the shooter but also his equipment. In short, a rifle that

isn’t capable of consistent accuracy, reliable function, and predictable behavior will never take a contending shooter to a championship (a fact I learned all too well with my modified SR-25).

To make a concentrated assessment of the T2K’s capabilities as a professional’s rifle, following are a few of its standout features.

1. To enhance the probability of a first-shot hit, it is imperative that errors in aiming are eliminated. One of the keys to perfect aim with optics is eliminating unwanted rifle cant, which is to say inconsistent amounts of cant shot to shot. The T2K cant indicator (level) is located on the end of the barrel in plain view of the non-aiming eye. The cant indicator is designed to be seen only by the shooter (or someone standing directly

behind him). Its placement allows the shooter to never lose the infinity

focus of his eyes and yet be able to see the cant indicator clearly. Leveling the bubble on the cant indicator assures a more accurate shot placement without obstructing the downrange target from the shooter.

2. Being able to quickly and easily separate the butt extension from the rest of the rifle allows for unique options not found with one-piece stock rifles. One is the option of having additional butt extensions to expedite and improve use for several individuals using the same T2K. This makes it possible to retain length of pull, offset, cheekpiece height, and cast on/off in a pre-adjusted butt extension. This extension is easily replaceable in seconds. Additionally, this

modular design provides a specific user the capability to take his butt extension with all his stock settings intact and attach it to a different T2K. When sharing a rifle among different shooters, this eliminates compromise on personal preferences, and enhances the very same capacity for each individual to establish his preferences. The result is a more effective squad.

3. Of utmost value to the tactical shooter is the capability of operating the bolt on the T2K without lifting his head from the cheekpiece. By never losing the eye/scope/target contact, with proper training, an individual can make an accurate follow up shot significantly quicker than with a conventional bolt-action rifle. I have several 8-inch tall x 16-inch wide plates on my range, and starting with a loaded rifle on the first plate, I can clear a bank of 10 (with no misses) in 15-20 seconds with no warm up at 200 yards. I regularly clear the same 10 targets at 600 yards in 30-35 seconds. The speed capacity of the T2K is astounding

compared to other bolt actions, and easily within the realm of parity with a semi-auto. A trained individual can fire accurate shots at realistic distances within the same realm of time that one would expect from a semi-auto — while keeping in mind that we still have the superior accuracy and reliability of a bolt-action rifle.

This design, along with the fact that the bolt operates under the shooter’s face, allows target acquisition to never be lost through the entire cycle of bolt operation. This ability is enhanced through our use of the patented, adjustable SofShot® recoil reducer. This device greatly softens recoil and reduces muzzle jump, especially with full-power, full-caliber cartridges such as .308 Winchester and the short magnums. When fired from a bipod, the effectiveness of a cor-

