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ZEISS'S NEW VICTORY FL BINOCULARS

Fluoride: not the only difference

Leave it to German engineering to use a commonly known cavity fighter to improve optical performance. Zeiss's new Victory FL binoculars use special glass containing Fluoride to reduce the secondary spectrum. In layman's terms, only the good light and none of the bad makes it to your eye. In the field this means accurate and brilliant color reproduction in all light conditions. Special design measures also nearly

Zeiss's new Victory FL 10x42 binoculars - keep setting the bar higher.

eliminate stray light - a killer, producing unwanted reflections and blown-out colors. Together, with ZEISS T multilayer coatings the new Victory FL (7x, 8x and 10x42 or 8x and 10x32) are touted as being the best Zeiss has offered in binocular optical performance in over a century. The Edge of Field Sharpness and Light Transmission (higher than 90%) are also what you would expect from this worldwide optic leader.

If that's not enough, check out how compact these binoculars are, especially in 10x. Weight ranges from only 26.1 to 27 ounces. The rest of the story is a long list technical goodies, but trust me this is superior field glass that feels good in your hands and non-existent around your neck - no reason for bowhunters to shy away from 10x binoculars because of bulk, weight, and string clearance issues again.

-K.B.

Suggested Retail: \$1,499 - 1,599

www.zeiss.com/sports

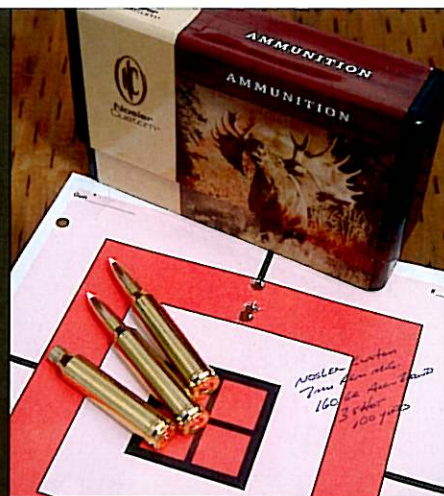
NOSLER CUSTOM AMMUNITION

Tighten up.

Bend, Oregon based bullet maker, Nosler, Inc. has been loading custom ammunition for nearly 60 years, but not for sale, just testing. As part of their bullet testing and quality control due diligence their lab experts have been tinkering with every brass, primer, and powder you could imagine to find the best combinations for their bullets, for every caliber. With decades of handloading experience and arguably some of the best hunting bullets made, why not go the extra step and sell custom loads? Nosler is now offering custom loaded ammunition for those looking for peak performance out of their rifles, or simply quality-loaded ammunition for those hard to find calibers.

We ran a box of Nosler Custom 160-grain AccuBond® bullets through a garden-variety caliber - 7mm Remington Mag. This rifle shoots well enough for a field gun, but right out of the gate groups tightened up to nearly a three-shot, same-hole performer - the best this rifle has ever done off the bench.

It's simple. You tell them what caliber you're shooting and your bullet preference. Their technicians will



Nosler Custom Ammunition: 7mm Rem. Mag., 160-grain AccuBond® - three shots at 100 yards

meticulously handload as many rounds as you need using their tried and true Partition®, AccuBond® and BallisticTip® bullets. They even come with your name on the box and helpful ballistic and sighting information for that load. - G.B.

Don't let "Custom" scare you. Pricing is worth what you're getting. Check the complete list of caliber offerings to date with more being added, and order online at www.nosler.com or call 1-800-285-3701.

SUREFIRE OUTDOORSMAN

May as well have the best

Tired of carrying a saddlebag full of AA-batteries into the backcountry or opening your backpack, only to wonder how long your flashlight has been illuminating the inside of your pack? Surefire has released the "for hunters" version of their famous military and tactical flashlight in their new Outdoorsman E1L and E2L featuring:

- High-brightness light emitting diode (LED) for long life and superb beam output
- Power plant - E1L (one Lithium) E2L (two Lithium batteries)
- Both have a LED, Luxeon 3 watt single-diode semiconductor illumination
- E1L produces 25 lumens for four continuous hours
- E2L produces 30 lumens for six continuous hours
- Pocket clip which doubles as a hands-free headlamp - clips onto the bill of your cap
- Locking click-on tailcap switch - press for momentary illumination or click it on for constant light - rotate switch to lock, preventing unwanted battery drain

These Outdoorsmen flashlights are tough too - CNC machined from aerospace grade aluminum with a natural hard anodized finish of Type III MilSpec standards and O-ring sealed against moisture. Accessories include colored lens filters - red filter for pre-dawn treks to your tree stand and blue for picking out a blood trail in low light. You might think this is overkill for a flashlight, that is until you've used one in the field.

Made in the USA with a lifetime guarantee. Surefire sells a box of 12 UL Approved Lithium batteries for \$15. - K.B.

Suggested Retail: E1L \$98, E2L \$115
www.surefire.com



Surefire's new Outdoorsman E2L. The E1L is shorter (one Lithium battery) and fits better on the bill of a cap - both get high marks across the board.