

MEOPTA ZD
3-12X50
TACTICA

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Tactical Treat

Pete Moore looks at the new tactical/precision scope from Meopta of the Czech Republic



Tactical treat; Meopta ZD 3-12x50 Tactic it's all there and at some seriously good money

Turret detail, click values are 0.5 cms @ 100m, good enough

This is the first time I had the chance to check out what is essentially a Meopta sniper scope. Though the ZD 3-12x50 is just that, this model is aimed more at the sports shooter be they hunter or target types.

The ZD offers a 1st focal plane image with the reticule and target getting larger and smaller as you dial the mag, which can be awkward at times. However, the subtensions values do not change so you can dial in corrections or MIL a target at any power with no changes to hold over and wind adjustments. I am starting to come round to this way of thinking more these days!

MIL-DOT

This model shows a Mil-Dot reticule with round dots (four per arm) and a floating centre cross. A basic rangefinding scale is also built in with stepped stadia that starts at the right at 200m and move down and across in 50m increments out to 400m. A

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measuerment line goes across the base with the 1.8m written on it. This is a bracket system with what I preusme is the height of an average man (1.8m) fitting between the various lines to give an idea of distance. However, at around 6ft that's also the height of an average red stag from feet to antlers, so however you see it it will allow a reasonbale estimation of the distance at sensible shooting ranges.

Illumination is supplied by a rheostat on the left of the saddle. This shows seven levels of brightness with OFF points in between. The central cross is lit along with a much fainter illumination on the vertical stadia.

TURN AGAIN

Turrets are of the un-capped target-types and marked in 10 increments, subdivided into six. Click values are 0.5cm @ 100m, giving 30cms per turn or 1.1". With five full rotations (55") available in both planes. Typically the fixed section is marked with horizontal lines to give an indication of where you are. Windage goes out to three increments either side of 0 as once zeroed corrections here are normally less. Both turrets can be slipped to zero by undoing the centre piece (twin screws) to unlock.

Unusually the body is steel, which ups the weight a little to 1.65lbs but is not that heavy. This makes the ZD massivley strong and Meopta give a 30-year guarentee! It also offers a good working temperature range from -35° C to plus 50° C. Here we see the advantages of a no compromise military build. As always optics are excellent with a good low light ability.



The 7-position rheostat shows switch of positions between the numbers

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Tough, well built and practical

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Versatile optic and the price is right

{ TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS }

- Name Meopta ZD 3-12x50 Tactica**
- Body tube 30mm
- FOV @ 100m 3.5-11.1m
- Click values 0.5 cm
- Clicks per turn 60
- Full rotations 5
- Price £789
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