

Low Mag, Hi Performance

*The March 1-10x24
is a top-grade piece
of glassware*



Mark Camoccio tests a reassuringly expensive scope from March and wonders...

I first became aware of March Scopes when top shot, Connor McFlynn won the Field Target World Championships in 2011, using a March X 8-80 x 56 model. Those figures are correct, as this dedicated FT machine magnifies from 8x, right up to a colossal 80x- and this remains the highest magnification of any scope available. Of course, FT requires high mag to create a shallow depth of field, which then makes range finding the target, via parallax correction, that much easier.

With my chosen discipline now Hunter Field Target (HFT), ultra-high magnification is rendered useless, due to the key rule of no adjustment being allowed for the match duration. But when a friend at my club turned up with one of the super slimline, tactical models from the March range, I was interested to

see how the specification would look, and just how useful it would be for our branch of the sport. A quick call to March Optics, and a test model was soon winging its way across.

Build

The model on test, here, is the March 1-10x24, and as the

product model number D10V24TI denotes, this version comes with reticle illumination, which does load around £500 to the list price. I've never been that bothered about lit scopes, but I know plenty of shooters who are. Anyhow, the option is there, and you can avoid it if you

want, and save yourself some notes at the same time.

March scopes are manufactured in Japan by the Deon Optical Design Corporation, and the build quality is immediately apparent once you have used one. A no-compromise build philosophy means that these precision instruments are astonishingly well made. Finish is robust and sees the 30mm body tube matt black anodised. Simple lens covers are supplied, along with push-fit, flip-up covers, which feel nicely made, and are easily slipped into place at each end. A sunshade is also supplied apparently, although this was missing with my test model, which admittedly had come from March's review stock.

Specification

Low profile tactical turrets are ideal and so much more practical



Pressing the centre of the parallax drum illuminates the reticle