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Tim,

The following is a brief description of my experiences with the HexSite system.

I have been building custom bolt action rifles for 15 years. In the last 10 years we have become well known for customizing lever action rifles for big game hunting. Over the years I have designed and developed a number of aperture/ghost ring type sights for the bolt action and lever action rifles. Some have been ones of special applications and some have been developed into after market sales items.

Frankly, after working with the HexSite for some time now, I believe that I have spent a lot of time developing products that have been surpassed by this particular development.

For the person that is hunting dangerous game, or carrying a firearm for protection against attack from a large animal at close ranges, where fast, accurate shooting is a must, the HexSite system surpasses anything I have used. The HexSite also works very well with shooters that are not familiar with iron sight shooting. Many big bore rifles are equipped with sights that are difficult to use under the best conditions and almost impossible to use under stress by an inexperienced shooter. The HexSite system works best under stress.

This is what I have seen first hand. The first rifle we set up with the HexSite was a Marlin lever action .22LR. I chose this rifle because it is cheap to shoot and I could hand it to anyone. I was somewhat skeptical to start with. I zeroed the sights on a paper target and was amazed how accurately I could shoot. I then started shooting golf balls laying on the ground at 25 yds. After about 5 rounds I found I could even keep the ball moving, and hit it on the roll. I had not been able to

do this before with other sights . I knew at that point that all the claims made about the HexSite were understated.

I then moved to 4" clay targets lying on a bank. I shot at these targets at 50 and 100 yds. off hand. Again, after only 5 or 6 shots, I was breaking the targets every shot at 100 yds. I found that adjusting for elevation was very easy, at 100 yds., because there is no post covering the target. I am not going to say I hit every shot because I am not that good of a off hand shot, but I did notice that all of my misses were all very close around the target.

Let me point out that I think golf balls and 4" clays are about as extreme a test as a person can try. They are really very small targets. If a person can shoot 4" plates at 50 yds. and 6" plates at 100 yds., you are ready for the field. The targets I used are an unfair test. BUT I WAS ABLE TO HIT THEM!

Next, I turned the rifle over to a 9-year-old who was just learning to shoot and had no experience with iron sights. After 7 shots, he was rolling a pop can every time from 25 to 45 yds. This result was repeated by a number of people of various experience levels. An older gentleman that had shot iron sights for 70 years, and for real inn W.W.II, hit the golf ball from the first shot and never missed chasing up and down a bank on the roll.

I next had a set of HexSites installed on a Kahr K40 pistol. Let me say that I hate handguns and consider myself a very poor pistol shooter. I cannot shoot 3 dot sights or any other blade type with both eyes open because I see double sights or dots. I first tried the HexSite on a paper target. I found I was shooting better than standard. Then after some time, I got progressively worse, back to about where I started. Tim explained that because the sighting was so easy, I was getting lazy with my gun handling. This was proven at a rifle shooting class I attended. The drill was a transition from rifle to handgun. I was very uptight about shooting in front of other people. After a word or two from the instructor about my grip, we started to shoot. All speed drills with pressure. After we finished I realized two things. One, all my shots were in the middle of the target and I could not remember seeing the sights. Two, I concentrated on the target and the gun handling and everything else was automatic

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