

Meopta MeoStar R2 1,7-10x42

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New superzoom

The new series of rifles with Meopta MeoStar R2 riflescopes have 6x zoom scope. With such quality, it is counted as a superzoom class weapon.



Superzoom is naturally bought for a higher price, and that is why MeoStar is more expensive than you pay for a common Meopta riflescope. However, more accessible than Leica and Swarovski, with corresponding magnification. The first sight test of Meopta MeoStar R2 was 1,7x42, which is the first scope you can use as a deer hunter. It has the newest lens coating.

Like a good coating, a well lightened reticle is a matter-of-course with modern riflescopes. With Meo Star R2 you can choose between a light and a cross in the focus. After trying both options, I can't see any reason, why not choosing 4K riflescope with

enlightened cross, because the round one in the centre of riflescope 4C is a bit too large, and that is not very useful. To save the battery when leaving your rifle standing in the corner or lying on a rack, Meopta MeoStar R2 switches off the riflescope light automatically after three hours of the sensor not receiving any order to switch the light off. This has surely something to do with the higher price you pay for it – however, in the end it is cheaper to pay for a good, money saving technology, than to save money for little separate things. R2 has no switch to change the strength of the light in the day-light and night-light, but there is a common positioner with eight positions, and an

off-position in between a quarter. The light source in R2 is a CR 2354 battery, but you can also use a common 2023, inserting it into an extra ring, which is inside the foresight of the gun.

When you are buying a riflescope with telescope power from 1,7 to 10, the aim is to get both a wide field of sight with a small enlargement, and a good enough sight with an enlargement for small objects at a great distance. In simple words, the sight must be worth the effort, when you are in the thrilling situation of a deer hunter, and you need to do a good shot at the moment. Leica Magnus 1,5-10x42 and Swarovski Z6 1,7-10x42 are the two of the best ones to make it.

Maybe it is not fair to compare Meopta with those rifles which cost considerably more, in fact more by thousands, yet we do so: if you consider Meopta MeoStar 1,7-10x42, it has a smaller field of sight than Swarovski Z 6 1,7-10x42, and smaller than Leica Magnus 1,5-10x42. Both best rifle sights have wider field of sight through the whole zoomscope than Meopta MeoStar 1,7-10x42, which makes about 3-4 meters for a 100 meter distance. It might be decisive for a shot. It is a gospel true, that Meopta MeoStar R 2 1,7-10x42 has a smaller field of sight than Leica Magnus and Swarovski Z6, however, the difference I consider more important is that with slow magnification with Meopta it took longer time before the view became sharp enough. The inside vision is somehow not ideal, it reminds you of some older riflescopes. For a user, it might indicate that Meopta MeoStar is still not one of the upper-class products, like the other two superzoomvisions. Certainly not the best one as for the image sharpness, together with its slow magnification.

HOWEVER, ITS OPTICAL qualities are quite impressive to bet he cheapest one in a price-group of 1,5/1,7-10x superzoom. It is sharp and clear against light. You can look at the results of the precision test on hitting the target, issued in this edition of Jakt magazine: the accuracy with 1,7x, 6 and 10x is similar, and Meopta MeoStar 1,7x10x42 held the same accuracy as we can see in the two series of 5 shots in the test on new Norma TipStrike 30-06 - Schultz & Larsen, which you can find in this issue. Trigger adjusting is perfect, and as you can see in the test survey, the zero position is reached instantly after the readjustment. What I am

not happy with is the fact, that a quarter snap accuracy is 100 yards, not 1 cm for 100 meters. Despite this fact, the new Meopta MeoStar R2 1,7-10x42 has a good all-round "eye" for wild hunting. All those who have tried to do its rating, have placed it somewhere between 8 and 9 points on the scale of 1 to 10 points, which is a bit inconsistent evaluation, because the number evaluating its rifle focus would rather give it a score of 9 points out of 10, not just 8 points.

With Meopta MeoStar R 2 1,7-10x42 the accuracy is one click counted per 100 yards, or 0,7 cm per 100 meters.

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Price: 13 860 NOK
 Field of sight: 21.9 – 3.55 m
 Adjustment area: 100m 203 cm
 Click adjustment: 0.7 cm click
 Weight: 580 g
 Length: 328 mm
 Inside pipe: 157 mm
 Objective length: 97 mm
 Width between eyes: 90 mm
 Reticle: 4C and 4K with light. Eight light strengths with switch-off position between quarter.
 Automatic switch-off after 3 hours. With battery replacement, the light envelope shall be positioned at 8. Automatic switch-off after 3 hours..
 Importer: Vaabehuset Ny gard AS, tel. 72 41 77 60



- + Justified price for 1,7-10x42 with good optics.
- Quarter click, field of sight and optic can be compared to the best ones.
- = Allround view in a lower price-class than other best-class-ranked products