

# Vantage 34 FFP 3-15x44 SF

SKU: 14620 • Riflescope

## Basics

### Mounting the Riflescope

**Warning:** Be sure that the firearm is not loaded. Always practise safe firearms handling. Always check that the diameter of the riflescope body tube matches the diameter of the riflescope rings that you wish to use. Always make sure that the base of the rings will fit your rifle. High recoil rifles may require rings fitted with a recoil stop pin.

- 1 Fix the rings to the rifle base – do not completely tighten.
- 2 Remove the ring tops and lay the riflescope into the rings. The riflescope should be mounted as low as possible without touching the barrel, rear sight, or the receiver.
- 3 Before tightening the rings, look through the riflescope in your normal shooting position. Adjust the riflescope (forward or backward) until you find the furthest point forward (to ensure maximum eye relief) that allows you to see a full field of view.
- 4 Rotate the riflescope in the rings until the reticle pattern is upright and the elevation turret is on top.
- 5 Tighten the base screws evenly, securing the mounts to the rifle base and tighten the ring top screws evenly on each side.

**Warning:** Avoid over tightening the rings. This can damage the riflescope affecting performance or rendering it inoperable.

16 in/lbs (1.33 ft/lbs, or 1.8 Nm) for ring top screws and 30 in/lbs (2.5 ft/ lbs, or 3.4 Nm) for ring base screws.

**Warning:** When installing a riflescope to a rifle with high levels of recoil, always ensure that there is adequate eye relief. This will avoid eye injury.

## Click Value

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### 1/10 MRAD

Each click of adjustment is measured in MRAD (Milliradians, or Mil for short) on the target.

**1 click = 1/10 MRAD = 0.36in at 100yds, or 10mm at 100m.**

Therefore at different ranges, each 1/10 MRAD click of adjustment changes:

**50yds = 0.18in, 100yds = 0.36in, 200yds = 0.72in, 300yds = 1.08in.**

**50m = 5mm, 100m = 10mm, 200m = 20mm, 300m = 30mm.**

## Parallax

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### Side Focus

To give the best accuracy all riflescopes should be parallax error-free at the required target distance. Most non-parallax adjustable riflescopes are set at 100 yards (91 meters) to be parallax error-free. Any other distance can cause a parallax error; this will show itself as a movement of the reticle relative to the target when you move your eye position. Riflescopes with parallax adjustment allow the shooter to correct this error for any target distance.

After the zero-in process, we recommend that the parallax adjustment is checked. The riflescope has printed preset distance markings on the parallax adjuster, these are only a guide to get you started. Check the parallax markings by setting the riflescope on maximum magnification, then proceed to check the printed markings against known target distances. If required be prepared to re-mark the adjuster to your own personal settings.

## Ocular Lens

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### Ocular Lens Adjustment

All Hawke riflescopes are fitted with an adjustable ocular focus, also known as diopter setting. To focus your eye characteristics to the riflescope, giving a crystal clear picture of the reticle, carry out the following adjustment:



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With the riflescope set to roughly half magnification, hold the riflescope about three or four inches from your eye and look through the eyepiece at a blank, flatly lit, bright area such as a wall or open sky.

2

If the reticle is not sharply defined instantly, turn the eyepiece (either direction) a few turns. Quickly glance through the riflescope again. If the focus has improved, but is still not perfect, continue focusing.

3

If the focus becomes worse, turn it the opposite direction until correct.

**Warning:** Never look at the sun with a riflescope, it may permanently damage your eyes.

## Zeroing

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### Rimfire & Centerfire (Live Ammo)

**Warning:** All shooting should be carried out at an approved range or other safe area. Eye and ear protection is recommended. Final sighting-in of your rifle should be carried out with live ammunition, based on your preferred target distance.

**Warning:** If a bore sighting collimator or any other bore obstructing device was used, it must be removed before zeroing with live ammunition. An obstruction can cause serious damage to the rifle and possible injury to yourself and others nearby. Sighting in should be at the distance that you are normally going to shoot. On side focus models, the parallax should be set to this distance during the sighting in process.

1

Choose an appropriate magnification power for the target distance.

2

From a steady rest position fire three rounds at a target. Observe point of impact on the target and adjust windage and elevation turrets as needed to correct aim. For left/right adjustment, turn the windage turret clockwise to move the point of impact left and counter-clockwise to move the point of impact right. For up/down adjustment, turn the elevation turret clockwise to lower the point of impact down and counter-clockwise to raise the point of impact up. E.g. if the round has landed below where aimed, then the point of impact needs to be raised. This is done by adjusting the elevation turret counter-clockwise in the direction of “Up”.

**3**

Repeat until point of aim and point of impact are the same.

## **Rimfire & Centerfire (Zero-Stop)**

### **Pre Zeroing:**

The Zero-Stop elevation turret has a built-in return to zero feature. This physical stop can be set after zeroing the riflescope so you can return to the same zero position without the need to count clicks and rotations. The turret can be rotated counter-clockwise and physically stops at '0' when turning back clockwise. This allows you to dial out to further distances, but always return to zero. Note, the windage turret does not have a zero-stop feature.

### **Adjusting the Zero-Stop turret:**

**1**

With the firearm in a steady rest position, open the action of the firearm and look along the bore to a predetermined target (at approximately 50 yards/meters).

**2**

Adjust the parallax setting to the 50 yard position (parallax adjustable models only). Set the magnification setting to an appropriate level for the distance.

**3**

Adjust the windage and elevation adjusters to position the reticle on the center of the target.

**4**

For windage adjustment, turn the windage adjustment turret clockwise to move the rifle's point of impact left and counter clockwise to move the rifle's point of impact right. In the same manner, adjust the elevation by turning the elevation adjustment clockwise to lower the rifle's point of impact and counter clockwise to raise the rifle's point of impact.

Note: If using adjustable ring mounts, make any necessary major adjustment with them, allowing for minor adjustment using the riflescope turrets. In certain shooting situations, such as long range bench rest shooting, when elevation adjustable rings are not available, the rings may have to be shimmed. We recommend using Hawke Mount Inserts, these will prevent damage to the riflescope tube. Only final precision adjustment should be made with the riflescope's adjustment turrets.

## **Air Rifle**

Zeroing can be done either manually or with a bore sighting collimator. If a bore sighting collimator is not available, it is recommended to zero manually.

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For air rifles start by taking aim at a nearby target (at approximately 20 yards/meters).

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On side focus models, the parallax should be set to this distance during the sighting in process.

3

Choose an appropriate magnification power for the target distance.

4

From a steady rest position fire three rounds at a target. Observe the point of impact on the target and adjust windage and elevation turrets as needed to correct aim and position the reticle on the center of the target. For left/right adjustment, turn the windage turret clockwise to move the point of impact left and counter-clockwise to move the point of impact right. For up/down adjustment, turn the elevation turret clockwise to lower the point of impact down and counter-clockwise to raise the point of impact up. E.g. if the round has landed below where aimed, then the point of impact needs to be raised. This is done by adjusting the elevation turret counter-clockwise in the direction of “Up”.

5

Repeat until point of aim and point of impact are the same.

**Note:** if the point of impact is significantly off target after firing your initial rounds, inspect the mounting of the riflescope to ensure it is not poorly aligned or positioned. If required try removing the riflescope from the mounts and mounts from the rifle and starting again. This may remove any error in initial mounting.

## Focal Plane

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### First Focal Plane (FFP)

First focal plane optical systems have their reticle positioned toward the turrets of the scope, after the magnification system. As such, the visible size of the reticle changes with an alteration to the scope's magnification – the target image behind the reticle will stay in proportion to the reticle as the magnification is adjusted.

## Accessories

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## Sunshade

The sunshade can be attached to the riflescope by screwing it into the objective thread. Multiple sunshades can be combined to create a larger sunshade.

## Zoom Lever

All models are supplied with a removable zoom lever for fast and precise adjustment of your riflescope magnification with minimum effort. To install the zoom lever you must first remove the blanking screw in the zoom ring using the supplied 2mm Allen wrench.

## Flip-up Covers

Metal flip-up covers are supplied to protect the lenses when not in use. Each cover has a key for attaching it to the scope. Open the flip-up cover and place it at the desired angle.

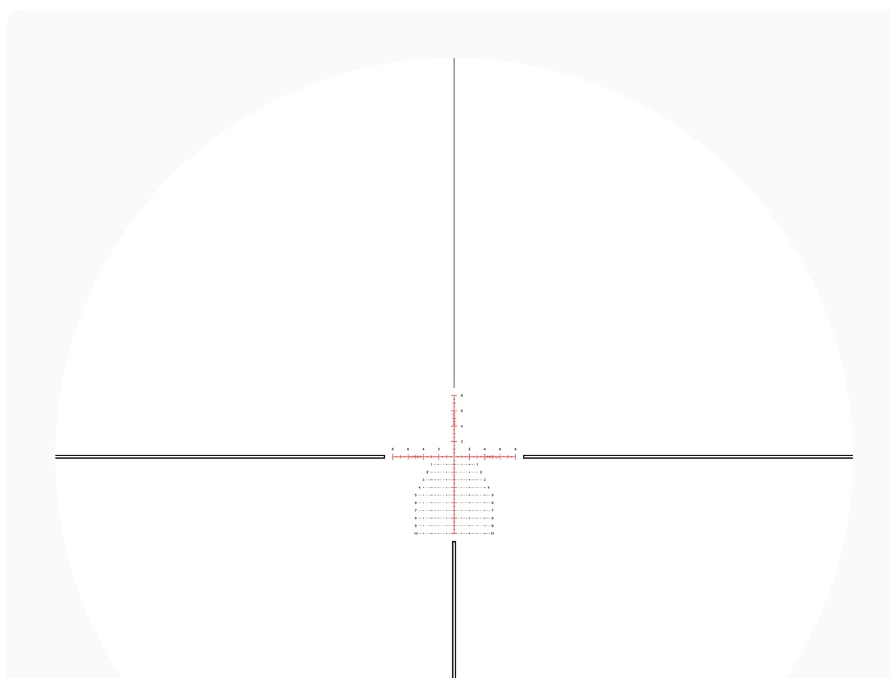
Locate the correct size key and insert into the grooves. The grooves are located on the inner thread of the covers. Turn the key until the cover is securely in place. If the cover is not in the correct position, loosen slightly and adjust position. The opening and closing resistance of the flip-up cover can be adjusted by loosening or tightening the screw in the hinge.

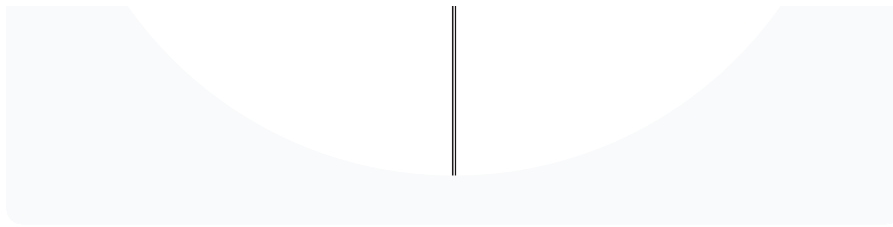
Note: Ensure the ocular focus has been adjusted before installing the flip-up cover to the eyepiece. The cover may not end up in the desired position if the ocular is adjusted after the flip-up cover is installed.

**Note:** The flip-up cover can also be installed on the sunshade.

## Reticle: FFP Mil Pro II (15x)

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The FFP Mil Pro II reticle was developed specifically for first focal plane optical systems and based around the common principles of Mil spaced reticles. With half Mil spaced markings extending out to 10 Mil of holdover, the FFP Mil Pro is a versatile reticle that provides aim points no matter how extreme the distance. All reticle measurements are Mil spaced and offer 1 Mil, 0.5 Mil, 0.2 Mil and 0.1 Mil brackets for range finding. Every Mil spacing on the lower section is numbered to ensure quick and easy acquisition of target and ease of reference. The center cross has a see-through gap, allowing an unobstructed view of the target. The thick outer posts are hollowed to ensure they can be seen at all magnifications, without blocking out too much of the view.

## Warranty

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### No Fault Lifetime Warranty

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