

WEAPON GUIDE

TIKKA T3X

SMALL ARMS REVIEW TEAM

BOLT ACTION RIFLE (.308W / 7.62x51MM)



T3x Tac A1
with aluminium chassis and 16" barrel



T3x Battue Lite
with polymer stock and 20" barrel



T3x Arctic
with laminated wood stock and 20" barrel

The Tikka T3x (c. 2016), an improved version of the earlier T3 (c. 2003), is a push feed bolt action rifle produced in Finland which has a reputation for reliability and build quality.

The T3x has a metal bolt cover rather than one made of polymer, a recoil lug made of steel rather than aluminium, and a slightly enlarged loading/ejection port that makes it easier to single load rounds directly into the chamber (their magazines

must be removed to load rounds into them).

The standard sporting rifles have a polymer magazine housing/ triggerguard assembly, which is best replaced with an aluminium unit (like those from Mountain Tactical Company) as the polymer housing can twist slightly and make it difficult to remove the polymer magazines (that hold 3 or 5 rounds). The added rigidity can also improve accuracy. Tactical versions like the

Arctic and Tac A1 have an aluminium magazine housing/ triggerguard assembly and use steel 10 round magazines.

For general use the Battue is highly desirable as it is lightweight and has high visibility iron sights, and can be fitted with a laminated wood stock which is more stable and stronger than polymer and wood stocks.

The Tac A1 has a folding stock which makes it easier to discretely transport than a fixed stock rifle.

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

Log Book

Firearm Usage & Maintenance Log Book. [Blackheart International]

Cleaning Kit

7.62mm Defender Series Cleaning Kit. [Otis Technology]

Broken Case Extractor

.308 Broken Shell Extractor. [Brownells]

Dry Fire Rounds

A-Zoom 308 Win Snap Caps. [Lyman Products Corporation]

Sling

Quick Cuff Model M24 US Military Precision Rifle Sling. [Precision Rifle Accessories]

Ear Plugs

EarPro EP3 or EP4. [SureFire]

SPECIFICATIONS

Weight: 3.47 kg (7.7 lb)

Length: 88 cm (35 in)

Barrel Length: 415 mm (16.3 in)

Action: Gas operated

Magazine Capacity: 30 rounds

IRON SIGHTS

Most models are delivered without iron sights, which are optional on some models but highly desirable. The Tac A1 can be fitted with aftermarket flip up sights like the Low Profile Micro Sights from Troy Industries

HOT TIP

Training magazines can suffer metal fatigue to their springs so don't use them for combat.

LEUPOLD VX-3HD 3.5-10X40MM CDS-ZL ILL. FIREDOT T.H.



This variable magnification telescopic sight is an excellent choice for sharpshooters as it has both a zero stop and a zero lock dial along with an illuminated reticle and CDS

bullet drop compensator dial.

The minimalist FireDot Duplex reticle keeps the sight picture uncluttered but can still be used to help estimate the range of targets. Fit an

anti-reflection device to stop reflections off the front lens giving away your position.

Warne's Maxima Tikka 30mm QD rings (14TLM) are ideal for this scope unless the rifle has a rail, as on the Arctic and the Tac A1, in which case Warne's Maxima 30mm QD rings (214LM) are best.