

Soul Body

Combining performance with value



The story behind Tikka T3 rifles is a prime example of a great challenge solved by a simple idea. Simple, yes, but difficult to come by without a long, hard look at the real value of things or without a flash of genius.

The challenge

At Sako, we wanted to build a rifle that achieves two ambitious goals. One: to deliver total, uncompromising accuracy and reliability, out-of-the-box. Two: to offer such great value as to make T3 attractive and easily available to the largest number of shooters worldwide.

Making high performance and top value meet

Tikka rifles have always had a barreled action unit that professional shooters regard as one of the greatest and smoothest performers in the world. The real challenge was to make this unique accuracy, reliability and silky-smooth operation available to all shooters.

Actually, a rifle consists of only two parts - one made of steel and one made of wood or composite. In terms of performance it's mostly steel that makes a rifle. The stock must be nice to hold, pleasant to handle and must offer a steady and reliable platform for the steel part that delivers the load. What the Sako gunsmiths - the ones who created the technology behind the runaway global success of the Sako 75 - did, was to go back to basics and take stock. Literally.

Increasing stock value

In the Tikka T3, the entire stock concept is considered and designed from the ground up to make it the most economical and efficient stock to manufacture. This is exactly what brings value to the shooter. The T3 concept was introduced to one of the greatest names in the world of Industrial design, Giugiaro. In close cooperation with Sako, and with Sako's and Giugiaro's exacting development processes, another winner has been created.

TrueHeart meets TrueBody

The T3 barreled action has a solid platform from which to perform. The T3 stock has a rugged, sleek and balanced hunter-style core design.

The barreled action is hand-fitted to the stock. Another custom feature that comes as a standard from Sako. Sako gunsmiths have a reputation for accuracy and performance to defend, so the T3 concept was tried and tested in all conditions, again and again.

So, how good is it?

We welcome every rifle owner, regardless of price or make preference, to come and benchmark the Tikka T3's performance against their old rifles. We believe the only way to match the T3 is to go to a custom shop and invest several times the price. If then.

With the Tikka T3, you hit one of the most difficult targets in the shooting world: true value.

Truth Beauty



Tikka T3 Hunter



Tikka T3 Laminated Stainless

The Tikka T3 Hunter is for the hunter looking for top performance and innovation, but who prefers a classic style and feel. The high-grain walnut stock is selected and shaped by Sako master gunsmiths. The T3 Hunter offers an extensive caliber selection for hunting and sport shooting. An "old-world" platform based on modern thinking, taking you to a new level in accuracy, reliability ...and shooting enjoyment.

Tikka T3 Laminated Stainless combines all-weather durability and stability with pinpoint accuracy. The free-floating, high-grade stainless steel barrel is cold-hammer forged. Also the receiver, bolt and bolt handle are stainless steel. The stock is made of grey matte-lacquered laminated hardwood providing stability and extreme durability. Add stainless Tikka Optilock™ scope mounts and a silvery gray scope – you'll have a stylish and faithful companion for years ahead.

The unique out-of-the-box performance guarantee means that the T3 rifle is designed with flair and built by professionals from the best available materials. Is there any other way?

1. The T3 bolt has a counter-bored bolt head and twin locking lugs. Reliable spring-steel extractor and strong spring and plunger ejector. 2. T3 cold-hammer forged precision barrels are free-floating. Thus you get the best game-getting accuracy. 3. Straight, true-feeding 3 and 5 shot single-column detachable magazines for fast and sure repeating. Made of strong glass-fiber reinforced composite ensuring durability. 4. A good and even muzzle crown is essential for the finest accuracy. T3 barrels are hand crowned for a perfect finish. 5. The magazine release latch in front of the magazine is flush fitted - protected from unintentional releases. The latch is horizontally grooved for improved contact.



Science Design



Tikka T3 Lite



Tikka T3 Lite Stainless

The Tikka T3 Lite has all black stock with blued cold-hammer forged free-floating barrel. The light but sturdy T3 TrueBody glass fiber reinforced polymer stock is pure Sako innovation. The straight stock combines high performance and light weight. Positive checkering for comfort and firm grip in all conditions. Improve your marksmanship with this stealthy T3 challenger.

Shooters who are ready to face the most extreme conditions require that their tools share the same characteristics. T3 will be your trusted, hard-wearing companion, offering flawless long-term performance. The T3 metal parts are made of Sako's high-grade stainless steel and the stock is glass fiber reinforced copolymer, giving you the double advantage of easy maintenance and great looks. Whatever the weather, with a Tikka T3 Lite Stainless in your hands, you will always shine.



1. The trigger group is meticulously manufactured. The housing is machined from the most durable aluminum alloy available, while all other parts are of special steel. Trigger and sear are hand honed to perfection. Trigger pull can be adjusted from 1 to 2 kgs (2 to 4 lbs). The steel trigger has vertical grooves to give good feel and grip, even with gloves on. 2. The T3 action features a large, flat bedding surface and large recoil lug against an accurately inlaid stock - vital for out-of-the-box accuracy. The ejection port is optimized making the receiver more rigid and inherently accurate. 3. A good grip pattern for a firm grip. The durable stock is made of glass fiber reinforced copolymer polypropylene and features a palm swell.

After final assembly, every Tikka is shot with two over-pressure cartridges for that extra safety. Every rifle is shot for accuracy before final inspection and packing.

Necessity Convenience



Tikka T3 Battue



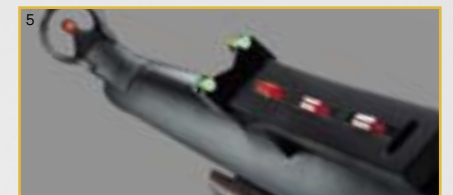
Tikka T3 Battue Lite

These lightning-fast rifles are built for driven hunts where most shots are taken at running game over relatively short distances. These remarkably handy rifles are also the top choice for a hunter who trek and hunt in heavy cover.

The short barreled Tikka T3 Battue is specially designed for fast target acquisition. Perfect balance and highly visible battue sights with TruGlo® optic fibers enable fast and easy aiming. Topped with a rifle scope and Optilock™ scope mounts, the T3 Battue has the accuracy to reach game even at longer distances.

The Tikka T3 Battue Lite shares the same special features with the Battue. The glass fiber reinforced polymer stock makes the rifle lighter in weight and adds weather resistance.

1. The bolt lift is only 70°, leaving plenty of room for handling the bolt. Above the receiver, integral mount rails provide easy, precise scope mounting. The receiver is also drilled and tapped for Weaver-type bases.
2. The two-position safety catch is easy and precise to operate. The two red dots seen in the picture indicate that the rifle is ready to fire.
3. Bolt throw varies according to case length. This is achieved by using different bolt release/stop parts.
4. Extra safety: both bolt handle and trigger are blocked when safety is on. The stop bolt is located inside the receiver.
5. The T3 Battue sight with TruGlo® optic fibers are highly visible and provide fast aiming.



Ambition Advantage



Tikka T3 Varmint



Tikka T3 Varmint Stainless

When it comes to consistent, predictable accuracy, be it at the range or the plains, the Tikka T3 Varmint is hard to out-shoot. The heavy, free-floating precision barrel effectively eliminates vibration and will not overheat even in fast-paced varmint shooting. The receiver and barrel are made of high grade blued Cr-Mo steel. The synthetic stock has an extra-wide fore-end for bench resting and the swivel stud accommodates both a bipod or a sling. Just install an add-on cheek piece for proper head position with large scope - and you are geared up for some serious fun.

The T3 Varmint Stainless has barrel and action made of heat-treated special stainless steel, bead blasted to non-glare finish.

Both models include 5 or 6-round magazine as standard.

Tikka T3 general features

Barrel: Sako precision barrel of high-grade stainless steel or Cr-Mo alloy. Free-floating and cold-hammer forged. Thread-fastened rigidly to the receiver for safety and accuracy. Hand crowned.

Stock: Light but solid T3 TrueBody design of high grade walnut or glass fiber reinforced copolymer polypropylene featuring palm swell. Butt plate system with spacers provide adjustability in length of pull. Carefully designed checkered patterns on grip areas for added comfort and firm grip. Sling swivels as standard.

Action: Designed for accuracy, reliability and easy service. Extremely rigid action with a two locking lug T3 bolt. The bolt features a spring-loaded plunger ejector and a removable handle, with 70° opening angle leaving ample room between optics and hand. Probably the smoothest action on the market.

Trigger: Single-stage pull with positive trigger feel. Easily adjustable through the magazine well from 1 to 2 kg (2 to 4 lbs). All models are available with a single-set trigger as option.

Safety: Two-stage, blocking the trigger and bolt handle.

Magazine: The single column detachable clip magazine is made of strong glass fiber reinforced composite. The magazine holds 3, 5 or 6 rounds depending on model and caliber. Flush release on front of the magazine in order to avoid accidental releases.

Sights: Rifles are supplied without open sights. Open sights are optional. Integral rails for the unique Tikka Optilock scope mounts on the top of the receiver. Receiver is also tapped for Weaver-type scope mount bases.

Engine Chassis



The cheek piece adjusting wheel can be fitted on either side of the stock. Heavy duty sling swivels studs as well as sling with swivels available as accessory.



The Tikka T3 Tactical is a special development for heavy duty use by law enforcement agencies and serious tactical competition shooters. It is also a superb varmint rifle for long range vermin control.

Tikka T3 Tactical features		
Overall length	Magnum calibers	1110 mm (43 3/4")
	Other calibers	1020 mm (40 5/32")
Barrel length	Magnum calibers	600 mm (23 3/8")
	Other calibers	510 mm (20")
Weight	Magnum calibers	3.8 kg (8 3/8 lbs)
	Other calibers	3.6 kg (8 lbs)
Cartridge capacity	223 Rem 7 rounds (1 in chamber, 6 in clip magazine)	
	Other calibers 6 rounds (1 in chamber, 5 in clip magazine)	
Calibers	223 Rem	rate of twist 8"
	308 Win	11"
	300 Win Mag	11"

When it comes to accuracy, the Tikka T3 Tactical is in a class of its own. The free-floating barrel is made of match grade Cr-Mo steel and manufactured by a precision cold-hammer forging process by Sako craftsmen. The action and the barrel surfaces are manganese phosphatized for lasting protection against the elements and wear. The barrel features protected muzzle thread providing attachment for optional Sako muzzle brake or suppressor assembly.

The modern bolt has two front locking lugs and springloaded plunger ejector with 70 degree opening angle for fast and reliable operation. The teflon coating on the bolt ensures non-reflecting surface and smooth bolt throw. The 2-way safety behind the bolt handle locks both the bolt and the trigger. The trigger unit is adjustable with hand-honed sear/trigger - without creep. Single set trigger available as option.

The Picatinny rail on top of the action takes any Weaver or U.S.Mil.Std 1913 compatible mounts. New phosphatized Tikka Optilock bases and rings are recommended for maximum accuracy and ease of use.

The detachable straight-feeding single column magazine is silent, durable and non-rusting. The standard 5-round magazines are tailored for each caliber for ultimate reliability and performance.

The stock is made of fiberglass reinforced copolymer polypropylene and features an ambidextrous palm swell. The wide fore-end has a swivel stud to take a bipod. The three sides of the stock is fitted with inserts which allow the use of heavy duty hook-type sling swivels. The recoil pad is of black rubber and the length of pull may be adjusted with spacers. The cheek piece is adjustable at 5 mm interval up to 25 mm (1").

Scope, scope mounts, bipod, muzzle brake and heavy duty swivel studs are optional, as well as adjustable open sights and fore- and rear-stock fastened military type heavy duty sling studs for hook-type swivels.

Sight Vision



NEW

Extra Low Base Mount is the lowest possible base-style Optilock mount providing a compact package for great performance and looks.



NEW

Optilock Ring Mounts in stainless steel for low and light scope mounting on stainless Tikka rifles.

You have invested in an exceptional Tikka T3 rifle and bought great optics to match. It's worth focusing on Tikka Optilock™ technology. You have two options, the ultra-practical Optilock base mount or the Optilock ring mount.

The Optilock idea

The Tikka Optilock mounts keep the scope centered in all conditions. The scope rests in a tight but gentle grip of the revolutionary ball-bearing type ring. Unlike in conventional mounts, the Optilock's polymer rings distribute the clamping force evenly along the scope shaft, ensuring that your valuable optics will not be twisted or scratched. With Optilock mounts, the scope and mounts are very easily mounted and removed as one unit without affecting the point of impact. The limiter pin in the mount base and the limiter pin slot on the receiver enable fast and accurate remounting of the scope/mount unit and guarantee stability of mounting. Optilock bases and rings are machined from a solid block of Cr-Mo alloy or stainless steel. The base design with its clamping device connects to the Tikka T3 rifle's integral dovetail rail on the receiver.

Tikka Optilock base mounts are available in 1"/26 mm and 30 mm diameters and four heights, blued or stainless steel to fit any scope. Ring mounts are available for 1" and 30 mm scopes in blued or stainless steel.

New Optilock mount bases and rings are available in their individual blister packages. This makes it easy to find the proper base, ring height and diameter combination for your rifle and scope model.

Tikka Optilock Ring Mounts

Ring type	Tube diameter (d) mm	Mount height (H) mm	Scope outer max. dia. (D) mm
1" LO	25.4 / 26	Low 27	48...56
30 mm LO	30	Low 29	52...60

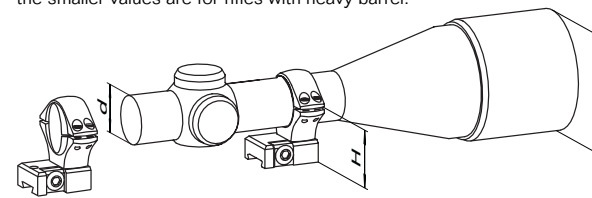
Tikka Optilock Base Mounts

Ring type	Tube diameter (d) mm	Mount height (H) mm	Scope outer max. dia. (D) mm
1" XTRA LO	25.4 / 26	Extra Low 28.5	51...59
1" XTRA LO S/S	25.4 / 26	Extra Low 28.5	51...59
1" LO	25.4 / 26	Low 30.5	55...63
1" LO S/S	25.4 / 26	Low 30.5	55...63
1" ME	25.4 / 26	Medium 35.5	65...73
1" ME S/S	25.4 / 26	Medium 35.5	65...73
1" HI	25.4 / 26	High 40.5	75...83
30 mm XTRA LO	30	Extra Low 30.5	55...63
30 mm XTRA LO S/S	30	Extra Low 30.5	55...63
30 mm LO	30	Low 32.5	59...67
30 mm LO S/S	30	Low 32.5	59...67
30 mm ME	30	Medium 36.5	67...75
30 mm ME S/S	30	Medium 36.5	67...75
30 mm HI	30	High 40.5	75...83

Optilock scope mounts for Weaver rail (Picatinny)

Ring type	Tube diameter (d) mm	Mount height (H) mm	Scope outer max. dia. (D) mm
1" LO	25.4 / 26	Low 30.5	59...67
30 mm LO	30	Low 32.5	63...71

Optilock scope mount rings and bases are specially designed to mount scopes on Tikka T3 and Sako rifles' scope mount rails on the receiver. Ring height can be selected with the help of the table above. Larger values in scope outer max. diameter column represent rifles with standard barrel and the smaller values are for rifles with heavy barrel.



Tikka T3 rifles have an integral rail for Optilock scope mounts. Receiver is also tapped for Weaver-type scope mount bases.



NEW

Optilock Weaver mount with phosphatized finish, designed for T3 Tactical. Weaver-style base configuration fits all US.MIL. Std 1913 Picatinny as well as Weaver rails.

