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The New Ruger 10/22 Take Down Rifle



You know being the creator and moderator of this site not to mention being The Head Hunter... ahemmm, gives me the opportunity to play with a lot of different firearms. Not to mention reading all the gun magazines to stay abreast of the latest and greatest happenings in the firearms industry. When I read about Ruger's latest new offering in the sub caliber arena, the take down 10/22, I thought that sounds and looks like a cool idea. So I ordered one in for the store and naturally one to play with.

Well let me tell you I am impressed. I really, really like the black carrying case the rifle comes in. It has two pockets in the front. The top holds a SS scope base and a metal locking mechanism that you run the supplied lock through to make the rifle inoperable. These are such a waste of money; I just wish the companies would reduce the price of the firearm instead including these silly locks. I know they are probably mandatory for insurance purposes. But nine times out of ten they just get thrown in a drawer, never used or seen again.

The bottom pouch has Military webbing sewn across the front so you can attach your favorite tactical pouch add on's. It also houses a very nice carrying strap with a shoulder pad piece. The bright red Ruger Logo is embroidered on the top pouch and looks great. This carrying case is only 23 inches long and 9 inches wide. It is well padded and protects the 10/22 halves nestled inside.

Now let's get to the hardware. The Ruger 10/22 has been around for eons. It has been a staple for Ruger and Co for many, many years. It has a well deserved reputation for ruggedness and durability. My first impression when I unzipped the case and saw the black stock and bright stainless steel receiver is that, wow this is slick. I took both halves out of the bag, slid the barrel and forearm into to the receiver and turned clockwise. It clicks into place and you turn this dial on the back of the barrel counter clockwise to tighten it up. One of the first impressions I got after I shouldered the Ruger is this feels like a full size .22 caliber rifle. The back sight snaps up and is bright and clear. It also comes with a standard Ruger 5 shot rotary magazine. Now here is a neat accessory. I bought (2) new Ruger 25 round BX-25 magazines for the 10/22. That means you can put (2) fully loaded magazines in the pouch with this little beauty and have 50 rounds of emergency firepower. Now add to this a scope, I mounted a Cabelas 3X9 with a .22 LR Bullet drop reticule, it has to be mounted with quick release tactical scope mounts for quick and easy on and off, and you have a mini emergency tactical setup that is hard to

beat. By the way I used Burris Extreme Tactical Rings. These rings deliver massive strength in a thick yet lightweight aluminum mount to provide a reliable return to zero system for the set up. All this tucked away in a neat little package just 29 inches long.

I must admit I started playing with this thing to late in the afternoon. I didn't get as much range time with the little Ruger as I planned. All in all I was getting about 1 to 1.5 inch groups at 50 yards with open sights. I didn't have time to shoot with the Cabelas Scope I brought with me. None the less it functioned and shot great with no hiccups. I was using Remington Standard velocity Golden bullet 22 ammo.

Impressions, it is a **KEEPER**. It is a lot slicker than it looks, and a lot of fun to shoot. For the survivalist in you, everybody knows when the SHTF you will need some kind of .22 caliber, either for food gathering or a last ditch defensive arm. Or for you just in case guys and gals stick it maybe in the trunk of your car or the back of your Jeep. This little black beauty fits the bill in spades and more. I am keeping at least one for **ME!!!!**

Check it out..... Regards The Head Hunter J.C.P.