



eep in the heart of the Canadian Rockies is a pristine paradise, virtually untouched and abundant in wild game. But trekking across this steep, mountainous terrain with its unpredictable weather can bring even the most seasoned hunter to their knees. A hunt of this caliber requires physical endurance, mental fortitude, and the desire to take down a true fair-chase trophy on public land.

We asked our Director of Marketing and Product Management, Mike Painter, and Outdoor Life's gear editor, Scott Einsmann, if they were up for the challenge of a lifetime—they said yes. So we gave them one month to prepare before sending them on a ten-day elk, bear, and mountain goat hunt in B.C. with Compass Mountain Outfitters.

The first day of the hunt began with a grueling 1.5-mile hike up a 60-degree slope littered with deadfall. They had to side-hill their way across steep shale walls and skip across wet rocks in the freezing rain. During the hike in, they encountered a few elk herds, but the bulls kept their distance and their cover.

Scott and Mike didn't know it at the time, but the first day of their hunt would set the stage for the rest of their trip-covering nearly 42 miles on foot through roadless backcountry with herd bulls outsmarting them at every turn. They spent the next three days at a grueling uphill march in the pouring rain, stopping only to eat, sleep, or glass for game.

It wasn't until the fifth day that their guide spotted two legal bulls in a steep clearing surrounded by heavy timber and deadfall. The only access was a steep creek bed that ran down the face of the mountain. It was clear the stalk wouldn't be easy, but bagging the trophy of a lifetime rarely is.

To get within range, they knew they needed to move quickly. Everyone grabbed their gear and hoofed it 3.5 miles to the base of the hill. Once they reached the creek bed, they stopped and took in the 70 feet of vertical shale wall between them and their elk. Then they began to climb.

The sides of the creek bed were slick with ice, making it difficult to take a step without falling back down the hill. As they climbed higher, the creek bed narrowed and the footing became increasingly unstable, causing them to fall back into the creek several times.

Before reaching the top, their guide spotted two grizzly bears on the outskirts of the clearing near the elk.

The hunters were within 100 yards of two legal bulls with only one last scramble to reach the top—there was no way those bears would stop them now.

As they stepped over the top of the wall, a bugle ripped through the air. Once they caught their breath, they loaded their rifles and moved into position. The first bull stepped out only 20 yards in front of Scott. He squeezed the trigger of his .300 Win.

Mag. Tikka and a 180-grain Barnes VOR-TX° sent the bull hurling down the hill. He got in a well-placed follow-up shot right before the bull disappeared into the thick vegetation.

Mike took off in pursuit of the second legal bull, following him through a patch of pine trees. Within moments, Mike fired an off-hand shot from his 300 PRC Fierce Edge at 75 yards. His 208-grain Barnes LRX slammed through the bull's shoulder and dropped him in his tracks.

After five backbreaking days of hard hunting, Mike and Scott each took down a massive 6x6 bull within minutes of each other. They celebrated, congratulated, and enjoyed their hardearned success, but the moment didn't last long. They all knew they had the pack out from hell ahead of them, and with the grizzlies nearby, they didn't want to leave anything behind. Instead, they decided to pack out both bulls in one painful trip.

With their packs loaded to the brim and elk antlers across their shoulders, they began their slow, treacherous hike out. As hard as it was, they kept moving forward. Before heading back home, Scott was fortunate enough to also tag out on a beautiful black bear.

From the pursuit to the pack out, every experienced hunter knows that hikes in elk country shouldn't be measured by distance but by effort, and the harder your hunt, the sweeter your success.



### THE ETHICAL SOLUTION TO LONG-RANGE HUNTING

As hunters, we strive to be worthy of our hunting tradition. The bullet delivers your intentions to the target, but all bullets are not designed equal.

RAPID INITIAL EXPANSION

2 100% WEIGHT RETENTION

3 MASSIVE ENERGY TRANSFER

4 COMPLETE PASS-THROUGH FOR MAXIMUM TISSUE DESTRUCTION



# UNMATCHED TERMINAL PERFORMANCE AT EVERY DISTANCE.

### **VOR-TX® LR AMMUNITION**

Target bullets with high ballistic coefficients can't be trusted to take down big-game animals quickly and humanely. VOR-TX® LR ammunition is loaded with premium all-copper Barnes LRX bullets specially designed not only for precision at long range but unrivaled on-game effectiveness at every range. So whether your trophy presents at close or extreme distance, you can rely on devastating terminal performance from the purpose-built LRX bullet.

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### **NOW AVAILABLE IN:**

300 PRC 208GR LRX BT 280 ACKLEY IMPROVED 152GR LRX BT



### LRX BULLETS ARE DESIGNED TO MATCH THE LATEST ADVANCEMENTS IN FIREARMS AND EXTENDED RANGE OPTICS CAPABILITIES.

Doppler radar technology was utilized in the development process to optimize the bullet's profile for low drag and top accuracy at extreme distances. Its long-range precision previously available only to handloaders – loaded and ready for your hunt today.

- Polymer tip boosts ballistic coefficient and helps initiate rapid expansion
- Specially engineered scored nose cavity expands into four razor-sharp petals and a large frontal diameter for maximum energy transfer and deep penetration on game at close and extreme distances
- Accu-Groove technology for minimal fouling and superior accuracy
- Boattail design with precision heel radius

### LONG-RANGE PERFORMANCE:

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BULLET.

The all-copper LRX (Long Range X Bullet) opens instantly on impact into four razor-sharp petals that plow a wide wound channel and deposit massive amounts of energy throughout the entire length of the cavity. High weight retention sustains bullet momentum for maximum destruction of tissue, bone and vital organs to effectively and humanely take down game at close and extreme distances.







# THE PRECISION OF A HANDLOAD. THE TERMINAL RESULTS

# ONLY BARNES CAN DELIVER.

VOR-TX® Ammunition delivers handloaded precision in a factory round super-engineered to stop big game in its tracks. Expect complete penetration from our all-copper bullet technology with virtually 100% weight retention and double-diameter expansion. It's a flawless confluence of bullet integrity and predictable, bone-busting chaos that puts animals on the ground like nothing else. They're the deadliest and most accurate hunting loads on the planet.

### **VOR-TX® RIFLE**

The whirling, destructive power of the Barnes all-copper bullets offer double-diameter expansion, maximum weight retention and excellent accuracy. These bullets provide maximum tissue and bone destruction, pass-through penetration and devastating energy transfer. Loaded with TSX, Tipped TSX and TSX FN bullets.

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### **NOW AVAILABLE IN:**

224 VALKYRIE, 77GR LRX BT, 6.5 PRC 130GR TSX BT



Profile ensures flawless magazine-length loading in AR rifles. An excellent choice for whitetail, hogs and defense initiatives.

Available in 110 GR TAC-TX FB and 120 GR TAC-TX BT in VOR-TX® Ammunition and reloading components, Barnes legitimized the 300 AAC Blackout as an extremely lethal medium- and largegame hunting cartridge. Engineered exclusively for the 300 AAC Blackout, the competition doesn't hold a candle to the accuracy, terminal performance and wide range of workability the Barnes TAC-TX delivers in this cartridge.

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## MAXIMUM TERMINAL PERFORMANCE, REDUCED RECOIL.

### **VOR-TX® RR**

It's the same massive expansion, deep penetration and devastating on-game results you've come to expect from Barnes all-copper bullets, now available in reduced recoil loads. This all-new line of ammunition features our legendary X-bullet optimized specifically for VOR-TX RR and its muzzle velocity range. Designed for young hunters and anyone who prefers lighter recoil, Barnes VOR-TX RR delivers all of the benefits of the world's most effective all-copper hunting bullet with maximum expansion, penetration and terminal performance out to 300 yards. It's 100% of the confidence you need, and less of the felt recoil you don't.

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These reduced recoil loads feature lighter bullets with modest muzzle velocities, and modern propellants which work together to provide less felt recoil when a full payload round is not desired or necessary. In reduced recoil, as in all loads, Barnes copper, non-toxic X-bullets expand into four cutting petals that tear through tissue and give ideal terminal performance for good, clean kills.







VOR-TX® Ammunition delivers hand-loaded precision in a factory round super-engineered to stop game in its tracks. Expect complete penetration from our all-copper bullet technology with virtually 100% weight retention and double-diameter expansion to put animals down like nothing else.

### **VOR-TX® SAFARI**

The destructive power of TSX bullets and the virtually indestructible, straight-tracking, deep-penetrating Banded Solids.

### **SOLIDS AVAILABLE AGAIN IN:**

375 H&H,458 WIN AND 458 LOTT

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### **VOR-TX® EXPANDER SHOTSHELL**

VOR-TX® Expander Shotgun slugs deliver rifle-like performance with Barnes proven on-game results engineered in. Its polymer-tipped, all-copper body produce awesome expansion, high weight retention and deep penetration – a trifecta of deer-dropping performance. With higher velocity, flatter trajectory and unmatched accuracy. Available in both 12 and 20 gauge, in 2¾" and 3".



### **AVAILABLE IN:**

EXPANDER TIPPED, 12 GAUGE 437 GR 2<sup>3/4</sup>", #20733 EXPANDER TIPPED, 12 GAUGE 437 GR 3", #20737 EXPANDER TIPPED, 20 GAUGE 250 GR 2<sup>3/4</sup>", #20735 EXPANDER TIPPED, 20 GAUGE 250 GR 3", #20739

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### **VOR-TX® HANDGUN**

The XPB bullets deliver deep penetration and double diameter expansion for maximum weight retention and DRT performance.

### **NOW AVAILABLE IN:**

9MM, 40 S&W, 45 ACP

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# PUTTING THE ACTION BACK INTO LEVER-ACTION AMMO.

### **PIONEER AMMUNITION**

Barnes Pioneer is the ultimate all-copper lever gun and revolver ammunition, delivering lightning-fast follow-ups and superior on-game performance you can trust.

Whether you choose all-copper Barnes TSX, or our heavy for caliber jacketed lead-core Barnes Original bullet, Barnes Pioneer is powerful medicine for big game, perfected for lever guns and revolvers. Delivering the massive expansion, penetration, and weight retention that built the Barnes reputation



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### **NOW AVAILABLE IN:**

44 REM MAG 225GR XPB 44 REM MAG 300GR ORIGINAL FN



# CARRY ON THE LEVER-ACTION LEGACY

Bring your lever gun out of retirement—it's time to experience the superior on-game performance of Barnes Pioneer ammunition. Designed specifically for lever guns and revolvers, this ammo is carefully loaded for terminal performance and delivers massive expansion and weight retention for deeper penetration. Each round is engineered for flawless feeding and cycling from tubular magazine to chamber for lightning-fast follow-up shots.



# A REPUTATION FORGED FROM **SOLID COPPER** AND EPIC KNOCKDOWNS.

The TSX, TTSX and LRX bullets have proven to be the most accurate and lethal hunting bullets available - a fact countless shooters have confirmed time and time again.

### TSX

The deadly effectiveness of the original Barnes X Bullet with:

- All-copper construction
- · Sleek profile and precision heel radius in FB and BT designs
- Accu-Groove technology for decreased fouling and top accuracy
- Devastating terminal performance
- Available in select Barnes VOR-TX® ammunition offerings



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### **TIPPED TSX**

All the features of the TSX Bullet, plus:

- · Polymer tip that boosts B.C. and helps initiate rapid expansion
- · Re-engineered nose cavity to provide faster expansion and devastating terminal performance
- · Popular calibers and weights available in Barnes VOR-TX® ammunition



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### LRX

All the features of the TSX and the Tipped TSX Bullets, plus:

- Designed to match the latest advancements in firearms and extended range optics capabilities
- · Re-engineered nose cavity to provide a wide range of workability for full expansion and deep penetration on game at close and extended distances
- Doppler radar technology utilized in the development process to optimize the bullet's profile for low drag and top accuracy at extended distance
- Available in select Barnes **VOR-TX® LR Ammunition offerings**



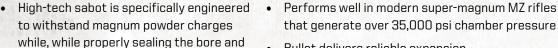
**NOW AVAILABLE IN:** .277 155GR LRX BT (1:8.5" TWIST OR FASTER)

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## SOLID ACCURACY, FROM TIP TO TERMINAL PERFORMANCE.

### **MAGNUM MZ**

Delivering 100% copper bullets with higher velocity, flatter trajectory and unmatched accuracy. Its unique, magnum load sabot guides its 250 grain polymer tipped, 50-caliber bullet to the highest levels of muzzleloader precision, with awesome expansion, high weight retention and deep penetration - a trifecta of deer-dropping performance. For use in all 50-caliber muzzleloaders.



that generate over 35,000 psi chamber pressure Bullet delivers reliable expansion

and deep penetration at both high and low velocities

### **EXPANDER MZ**

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These bullets deliver deadly performance at both high and low velocities. Expand to twice their original diameter, creating six razor-sharp copper petals that slice through game. No fragmentation. These tough, deep-driving bullets typically retain 100 percent of their original weight.

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allowing for exceptional accuracy

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### **SPIT-FIRE TMZ**

The Spit-Fire TMZ shares the same boattail design and 100 percent copper construction with the Spit-Fire MZ but has a streamlined polymer tip for rapid expansion. Higher ballistic coefficient aids exceptional long-range performance.

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### **SPIT-FIRE T-EZ**

Spit-Fire T-EZ muzzleloader bullets with EZ Load sabots load easier in guns with tight bores. Ramrod pressure required to load and seat these 50 caliber flat base bullets is greatly reduced.

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