

Sighting In

If your scope is correctly mounted, using a boresighter should get you close enough to print a bullet hole on a large target at 50 yards. No boresighter, even a laser boresighter, will sight in your gun for you. You must shoot the gun and adjust your scope accordingly to sight it in. Every gun is an individual. No two are alike, even if the serial numbers are consecutive. If a particular gun shoots a certain kind of ammunition well, there's absolutely no guarantee that an identical gun will like it at all.

If you mount a good scope on a good gun with good rings and bases, and find a certain kind of ammo that it shoots well, with a bullet that serves your purposes well, YOU WIN! Buy a case of the same exact ammo with the same lot number, keep it with the gun and don't change a thing.

Also, your scope is at its strongest when your windage and elevation adjustments are in the center of the available adjustment range. This is called mechanical zero. When you buy a scope, turn the dials all the way one way and then the other, counting how many full and partial turns, then split that number and find the middle. Start there for your adjustments. Many rear bases have windage adjustments. Use them.

re here to stay, and a lot of the guessing game is completely gone. Used with skill and a laser rangefinder, these reticles and websites combine to make you feel quite empowered. They presume the shooter is capable of making ethical shots in the field, and the only way to ensure this is to burn powder with trigger time and good practice, not just shooting.