

**KONUS OPTICS**

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# Optical Observers

**Pete Wadeson** has already tested Konus Optics scopes and red/green dot sights, now he looks at a trio of some of their most popular binoculars...

**S**trange to think hardly eight months back as I write this I'd never heard of Konus Optics. Now I regularly use one of their scopes and a red dot and often see the brand in certain gunshops. Thanks to importer distributor Evergreen Optics I'm now getting the chance to try a trio of their own-brand binoculars. Though all of a similar specification band, they're vastly different in size and performance.

### OPEN MINDED

As a build overview the binos featured are open hinge design (the Supreme being the most obvious), they're waterproof, fog-proof, Nitrogen-purged and boast BAK-4 prisms, multi-coated lenses, twist up eye-cups and dioptre adjustment ring – the latter found on right eye-piece - and all have a centrally positioned main focus dial. They come in their own carry case with shoulder strap, neck strap for binocular and removable rubber lens covers. The models featured are the Konus 8 X 25WA Supreme, 8 X 42WA Emperor and the sleek looking and highly impressive sounding 8 X 42 Titanium EVO.

The 8 X 25 Supreme are the most basic of the bunch. Measuring 4 1/4 X 3 X 2" closed they're compact and rubber armoured with a unique 'open bridge' hinge design. Like all models here they were tested on a dull day, so the first major feature to impress was the superb light gathering capabilities, even with these small objectives, and a well defined sight picture.

They sit nicely in the hold and are compact enough to be slipped into a jacket pocket. The Supremes have relatively hard rubber armour outer and the front lenses have a green tinted coating to help prevent glare.



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### BEEFY BINOS

In comparison, the 8 X 42WA Emperors are more 'beefy' measuring 5 X 4 1/4 X 2 5/8" closed. Still very manageable and due to being heavier feel solid in the hold. The focus dial has a long travel, allowing them to go down to a mere 2 1/2-yds focus and then smoothly revolve to infinity. A roof prism design, the large objectives suck in the light and quite frankly the sight picture was incredible. Then again they also feature phase correction, an advanced coating that forces/directs light back into 'phase' which in turn improves the sight image. The black casing is rubber armoured with long lateral raised ridges allowing for a sure hold in the rain. After looking through these, the Supremes were very much overshadowed.

### TITANIUM TREAT

Last but not least - the impressive sounding 8 X 42 Titanium EVO. Measuring 6 1/8 X 4 1/8 X 2 5/8" closed. The material used in the build affords them to be lightweight yet very strong. The sleek body shell is rubber-covered and the main focus dial glides from a minimum focus distance of approximately 25-yds to infinity. A few deerstalking and foxing lads I know simply loved this roof prism design and have bought them on the strength of cadging a quick look through my test set when I'd taken them out for evaluation.

All are extremely well built, have excellent lenses and I'd be surprised if there wasn't a model in the comprehensive range to suit any hunters particular requirements.

**FOR**  
Compact for specification, well built and good optical performance

**AGAINST**  
Not a lot

**VERDICT**  
It's great to discover real bargains and in my opinion these binoculars offer just that

	TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS		
Model:	Konus Supreme	Emperor	Titanium Evo
Magnification:	8X	8X	8X
Objective Lens dia:	25mm	42mm	42mm
FOV @ 1000m:	110m	122m	114m
Weight:	300gm	743gm	700g
Price:	£49.99	£119.99	£69.99
Optional Extra:	Konus Tripod Adaptor £5.99		
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