

# What's A KONUS?

I'm one of those weird people who likes to sling lead long distances and try to make something go "Ding". Most of my rifles are capable of extreme accuracy but in order to match their capabilities with my eyes, I need a sighting system that works. Iron is out, scopes are in.

Over the years I have spent a lot of money on glass and learned some lessons. The main lesson was that there is no substitute for a quality scope, one that costs nearly as much as or even more than the rifle. This lesson is hard to learn especially when you just slapped down 6 bills for a good rifle. The lesson is much easier to accept when your cheap scope loses a crosshair, the elevation knob stops working or the thing fills with mist. My dad always says that he is too poor to buy anything but the best. I agree.

About 6 months ago I was looking for a replacement scope for one of my rifles and I came across a brand... Konus of Italy... "Never heard of them" I thought. I fixed that with a web journey.

What I learned about their optics rightly deserves a full page but I'll just give you the high points. I ended up with a Konuspro M30 6.5X-25X 44mm. It features a 30mm tube, locking tactical turret switch, Parallax correction down to 10 yards, 1/8 MOA adjustments, illuminated reticle (Blue and red!) as well as a built in bubble anti canting system. Of course it is waterproof and fog proof.

The view through the scope is one of the best I've seen. This thing is easily as bright and sharp as one of my

\$1,000 plus scopes. It also has more features and it can be found with a street price of just over \$300. Incredible value in an incredible scope. I give it a 9 out of 10.

One of the essential parts of any long distance shooting is a good spotting scope. My Celestron spotting scope had given good service but it was fuzzy at high magnifications and tended to need a lot of light due to the optical system it employs. I looked to Konus.

I ended up with a Konus Spot 70 20X-60X. I've seen this baby on the net for as little as \$124.95 (B&H photo). It's a delightful scope, sharp and clear like the other Konus optics and sports a smooth zoom and great stats. The downside is that the tripod is a piece of crap. It's basically a cheap camera tripod with no elevation or windage control beyond the tripod control. The scope has internal elevation adjustments via a large knob on the side but the adjustment is minimal and since the tripod is junk the scope is dancing all around whenever you try to adjust elevation using scope controls. I tossed that POS and use the tripod for my Celestron. All in all I give the scope a solid 7 and the tripod a place in the junk room.

When all is said and done, there is great value and performance in the Konus units I've worked with and their name is becoming synonymous with quality. If you need new optics, think Konus. [www.konus.com](http://www.konus.com)

