

Scout Scopes

Part III: Mounting a Scout Scope

As we've explained in Part I and II of our Scout Scope series, [Big Horn Armory](#) lever-action rifles shine when paired with a fixed or variable power scout scope. They maximize our rifles great accuracy, quick handling, and rapid firing abilities. To that end, you will have to properly mount the scope to get the most out of it. That's what we'll cover in this edition.

The first step is to have a scout scope mount on your lever action. This is one of our options at the time of purchase. If you're planning on buying one of our rifles and thinking you might want to mount a scout scope or red dot, this is the time to do it! If you already have one of our rifles and now want to maximize your optical sight options, you can send your rifle back to the factory and we'll be happy to install the scout mount and promptly get the rifle back to you.



With your scout scope rail properly installed, now you can mount your optic. The Big Horn Armory Scout Scope Mount is made to Picatinny dimensions, so you can use either weaver style rings or Picatinny rings, whichever you prefer. Our scout scope mount is designed so you can use the iron sights when your scope is removed. We have used the Burris Xtreme rings and they have worked well for us.



If using horizontally split rings like the Burris Xtreme rings, put them on the base. Hold your scout scope up to the rings to get the placement right, with the rings roughly in the center of each tube section and the scope forward of the ejection port. Push the rings to the forward part of the cross slot on the base so the recoil lug touches the base. When the gun recoils back, the scope wants to go forward in relation to the rifle. Put the recoil lug of the ring up against the back of the rib on the base. This will solidly keep the rings and scope from “walking” forward.



Put the scope in the rings, leaving the ring caps loose enough to slide the scope forward or back to adjust eye relief and rotate the scope to level the reticle.

Once the scope is on the gun, check the eye relief. You can make minor adjustments to the eye relief by sliding it forward or back in the rings. If you need more adjustment, simply undo the rings from the base with the scope still in the rings, then move it forward a slot or two in the base.



With your eye relief set, now level the reticle with the gun. This can be done just by looking through the scope and rotating it until it is level. You can also use a tool like Scope Jack from Fix It Stick, or a level to check the scope and rifle.

Once the reticle is level, tighten the rings to the manufacturer's specifications.

That's it, your scope is now installed and ready to use on your rifle. Safe shooting!