

TIPS ON SIGHTING IN YOUR HUNTING GUN WITH SCOPE OR RED DOT

1. Before you even start shooting, make sure all bases and rings are tight. Many shooters have chased their scope around the target, only to find out there was something loose and either had to go back home or ask for tools at the range to fix a problem before they could sight their gun in. That is a big waste of ammo because now you need to start over.
2. If you have not zeroed this gun and scope combination before, don't attempt to find out your point of impact at 100 yards. Chances are you will waste ammo trying to figure out where the gun is hitting. Even if the gun has been bore sighted, you might not be on paper at 100 yards. There have been rumors that some large retailers have set sights off from where they should be on spite for rushing them close to opening day. Not to say that is your case but don't waste ammo at the high prices we are forced to pay recently.
3. Start at 25 yards. Sight your gun in and adjust your windage (left and right) to be right on. Set your elevation to be as much off of center as your scope to barrel relationship is. That means if the center of your scope is 1 ½ inches over the center of your barrel, your shots should be adjusted to be 1 ½ inches below the center of your target. If you adjust to this, your shots will be on paper at 100 yards. You might require some fine adjustment for windage and probably a slight adjustment for elevation but you will be on paper.
4. It is a good rule to move your knob twice what you think you need. By doing that you will either be as much to the other side and only need to come back half, or you will be closer than you would have been if you only made the adjustment you thought you needed. Sometimes we don't know the increments of adjustment or don't figure out what that translates to at different yardages.
5. Don't make an adjustment and fire one shot and make another adjustment. Sometimes the adjustment doesn't take and it requires the recoil to get the sight to move. This may not settle after one shot. It is good to take two or three shots before accepting the adjustment as final. Sometimes it helps to tap the scope before firing a shot to help settle the sights.
6. Don't be afraid to ask for help. If there is someone else at the range, they might be able to offer assistance.
7. Use the same bullet weight and type of ammo if possible that you will be shooting. A different manufacturer and especially a different bullet weight will produce a different point of impact.
8. These are not all the answers to proper sighting in but hopefully they will get you off to a good start. Good luck and happy hunting.