

## **MM4 60 GA ED Travelscope and HDF T 15-45x zoom**

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Problem sorted

One of the problems of travelling by air for me as an archer is the baggage allowance. My bow box alone weighs 13 kg so travelling to Arizona for an international competition with my kit and my clothing there is very little room for anything else.

Usually one of the first casualties on the packing front is my spotting scope. It's heavy - like most scopes so I end up packing my binoculars instead as a compromise. For this trip Opticron lent me a one of their MM4 Travelscopes to try out and wow was it impressive! The first thing you realise is how small it is - I mean really small, but don't think that it lacks power because it doesn't.

As an archer I need to see the end of my arrows which are less than half a centimetre wide on a target face at between 60 & 70 metres distant in all weathers and this little scope did not disappoint. The clarity of the lenses coupled with the high magnification eyepiece was outstanding. Looking down the shooting line at all the scopes it looked like a minnow, but performed like a shark! The colours and brightness were never diminished and there was no discernible distortion at all.

A problem with many larger scopes is their habit of blowing over in strong winds (and we did have strong winds in Arizona) but this did not seem to affect the MM4 at all in spite of its lack of weight compared to the other 'scopes being used out there. The sturdy cover kept out the desert dust yet it was easy to access the focusing wheels, lenses and eyepiece.

This is the perfect scope for anyone who needs to squeeze the very last kilo/pound out of their luggage allowance or just wants an easy to carry but powerful viewing instrument. Opticron have definitely redefined the word 'compromise' with the MM4.

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