

Oregon 4 PC 8x42

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Our clients often ask if we have any recommendations for binoculars in the £100 - £200 price range and until recently we advised them to buy second hand alpha branded optics. That was until I field tested the Opticron Oregon 4 PC 8x42's. Since then my advice has changed.

The minute you get these rubber armoured binoculars in your hands you are amazed by the weight and quality feel to them. Optically they are superb. I loved that the right eye focus wheel has a small 'bump' underneath which means the focus can be adjusted with a quick thumb movement so no need for taking your eyes off the object to re-focus.

The image is crystal clear - I can't get over just how clear to be honest. I have used them in all weathers and at all times of day to give them a rigorous review as I was concerned that for the price they wouldn't perform for our clients. That concern was soon dismissed.

Bright sunlight on a windy day off the Cornish coast was not a problem for the Oregon 4 PC 8x42. No glare on the Gannets and Fulmars shooting past on the wind and they were equally good at picking out Skylarks and Meadow Pipits in the half-light of dusk.

The Oregon 4 PC comes in a soft black case and has twisty eye cups – UP without glasses, DOWN with glasses on. Protective eye cups come as standard on top and bottom lenses and they are fully waterproof. The light weight and comfy neoprene strap were also a plus, although I am used to a slightly wider neck strap.



The Oregon 4 PC feels and performs so much better than any of their competitors we have tested in this price range. As a result we have purchased a number of pairs for our clients to use and are proud to recommend the Opticron Oregon 4 PC for its performance and value.

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