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Subject: Competitive Review - Scope Mounts

A meeting to review competitive scope mount offerings was held on March 7 from 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM. Jim Bower, Fred Martin, Skip Smith and Randy Murphy were present. The following represents a summary of what was discussed. Also I have listed dealer and some retail prices for most of our competitors.

There was a consensus that scope mount features individually were not ^{very} important as selling points. Features become very important however as displeasers when they found lacking in one way or another.

There are basically two types of scope mounts: those that require a base, and those that don't. Bases can be one or two piece in design.

Tasco and Weaver (now out of business) are interchangeable and offer one piece bases.

Leupold, Redfield, Burris and Millett mounts and

bases are also interchangeable. Leupold and Redfield offer one and two piece bases. These ^{front} mounts twist 90° to lock into place and the rear mount to base attachment provides for a coarse windage adjustment.

Good optics (as used on centerfire rifles) all require one inch rings

There is no difference in performance between aluminum and steel components.

We also identified the following problem areas that a good scope mount system must address.

- recoil
- clearance for the ejecting shell
- warp, twist or poorly polished receivers
- repeatability of point of impact
- durability (over time the Leupold "twist-lock" system will loosen)
- versatility (low scope rings may result in an interference between a large objective varmint scope and the barrel)
- ease of disassembly

Our Remington integral scope mount addresses all of the problems we uncovered with the following exceptions:

- Versatility: ^{the} fit of a varmint scope in the

present rings must be investigated
 - durability and repeatability must be proven.

Item	Dealer	Retail
Leupold - one piece base	9.95	19.70
- two piece base	10.95	19.70
- rings	13.95	28.40
- matte finish rings	14.95	
Redfield - one piece base	10.95	
- two piece base	11.95	
- rings	13.95	

Millett - Mount Bases	20.95
- Black Onyx Rings	26.95
- Chaparral Engraved Rings	39.95

Ruger - rings	26.50
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Burns - bases	9.95
- rings	13.95

Kimber - two piece base	12.00	double lever rings
- rings	35.90	and bases - 85.00
- double lever rings	52.00	

Weaver - one piece base	6.95
- rings	10.95

Sako - rings

\$4.95

Tasco - rings

4.95

9.95

Simmons - rings

4.95