



17 Tactical

A Predator Nightmare!

A year ago, I began to build my dream wintertime predator rifle. I wanted a very compact and lightweight rifle capable of reaching out to 500 yards. I also had to match the rifle with a cartridge that would meet the challenge. I immediately knew which rifle to use and the cartridge was simply a no-brainer too.

The rifle I selected to meet the requirements was an all stainless-steel Remington Model Seven, which originally was a 223 Remington. I sent the barreled action to Douglas Barrels and had them install a very lightweight 1/9 twist 20 inch barrel. The barrel was matte finished to match the action perfectly and provide a non-glare finish. Once I received the gun back from Douglas Barrels, I bedded the action in the stock and had the stock “dipped” in *Natural Gear* soft finish, which should work well in the early fall or winter snow environment. The rifle finished out at only 39 inches long and just a shade over seven pounds including the S&K stainless rings and Leupold 3X9 compact rimfire scope. I just love those petite Remington Model Seven rifles, which are a perfect compact and excellent balancing rifle.

You may ask why I used the Leupold 3X9 Rimfire scope. The answer is simple, it’s very compact, has a wide field of view with an adjustable objective and Leupold has assured me it will work fine on centerfires – which it has.

I selected the outstanding 17 Tactical cartridge and had the barrel chambered for this. One of the many perks of doing this for a living is that I get to hear from the very best predator hunters in the world. The cartridge that many of them now use is the 17 Tactical and The Woodchuck Den 30 Gold bullet. Making the 17 Tactical from the superb Lapua 20 Tactical or any super strong 223 case is an excellent foundation for this cartridge. The combination of this superb cartridge and one of highest precision 17 caliber bullets with a B.C. of .270 is a long-range death ray on predators. My good friend, Roy Chaney, uses this combination on Alaska wolves and Steve Porter has called in and killed several Nevada mountain lions with his. I can’t begin to tell you how many coyotes have fallen to the 17 Tactical and 30 Gold’s throughout the US now each year.



The 17 Tactical is very easy to load with the precision Redding and Wilson reloading dies.



The petite custom Remington Model Seven in 17 Tactical shoots very well!

Now the good news is while working up some loads with several new powders, I was able to reach a little over 4000 fps in my compact 17 Tactical (Remember it only has a 20 inch barrel!) using the 30 Gold's! I really don't have the desire to carry and fuss with a rifle using a 26-inch barrel, but I believe the velocity would easily exceed 4100 fps! I tell people all the time that moving the 30 Gold's at 3700 say in a 17 Fireball is nothing

to sneeze at. The 30 Gold at 3700 to 4000 is outstanding with the ability to reach long ranges.



For more on the 17 Tactical and many of the fine 17 caliber cartridges check out our 5th edition of ***“The Sensational Seventeens”***. Call today to order your 17 Tactical forming, reloading dies, and Woodchuck Den 30 grain Gold bullets. **Call 330.897.0614**



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