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HELIX HDLR

2-16x50 SFP

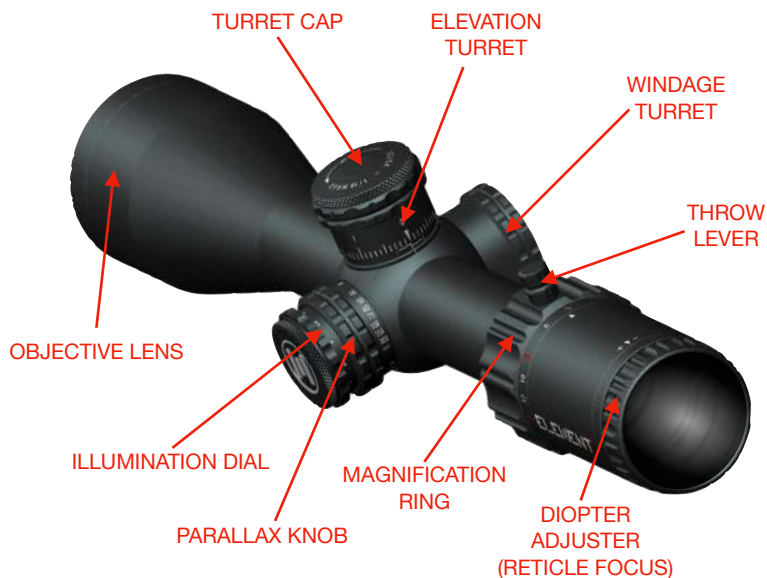
OWNER'S MANUAL
& RETICLE INFORMATION

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HIGH DEFINITION, LONG RANGE

We've designed the HELIX in a way that puts the important things first: clear glass, smart reticles, innovative features and a turret system superior to other products in the same price class. The HDLR takes things one step further, with ED Glass, Reticle Illumination, a massive Zoom Range and more Elevation Travel. We've kept the ever popular Tool-Free system and Zero-Stop on the Elevation turret for ease of use when dealing for extended ranges, but have capped the windage for a more hunter-friendly, compact feel. Stringent quality control procedures give you peace of mind when taking that 1000 yard shot, and if something goes wrong, our Platinum Lifetime Warranty has you covered!



Your rifle system is only as good as its weakest point, and so mounting of a riflescope is a very critical process that requires time and precision. If you feel uncomfortable doing this yourself we suggest visiting a gunsmith, as incorrect mounting can cause many issues down the line.

Choosing Rings

The HELIX HDLR requires 30mm rings. When purchasing rings for this riflescope, choose a quality product – Inferior rings may not align correctly and can damage your scope.

Ensure that your rings are the correct height above the bore & action for safe clearance and a comfortable cheek weld.

We recommend using a 20 MOA base, or adjustable rings if shooting at extended ranges. **NEVER USE SCOPE SHIMS**, as these can cause damage to your body tube and void your warranty. **DO NOT** torque the rings down using more than **18 in-lbs (2 NM)** of force, as this can also cause damage to the body tube or affect internal components.



Alignment & Eye Relief

- 1) When fitting the riflescope to your rifle, ensure that the rings are firmly attached to the rifle **BEFORE** you tighten the top screws down.
- 2) With the riflescope in place, torque the screws down until you begin to feel some resistance, but make sure you are still able to move the riflescope back and forth.
- 3) Get behind the rifle in a shooting position and move the riflescope forward or backward until the eye relief is best suited to your position.
- 4) With the eye relief set, use a set of bubble levels or a plumbline to ensure that the riflescope is level. A canted reticle will cause point of impact drift to the left or right, and affect accuracy.



- 5) Once you are happy with the position of your riflescope, begin to torque down your rings in a criss-cross pattern, moving between screws and turning small amounts at a time.

Use a torque of 15-18 in-lbs. This will ensure that the riflescope does not shift position while tightening.



**MOUNTING
TUTORIAL**

Diopter – Focusing the Reticle

Everybody's eye is different, and the ocular lens will need to be adjusted for your eye in order for the reticle to appear in focus.

To do this, point the riflescope towards a blank or featureless background (i.e. a white wall or blue sky) and turn the ocular adjustment ring clockwise and counter-clockwise until the reticle appears in optimum focus.



Tip: Your eye will try to compensate for an out-of-focus reticle, so it may help to turn your parallax to minimum and look towards a far-off background. This will blur the background and allow your eye to focus on the reticle itself.

Parallax Knob - Focusing the Target

A well-adjusted parallax is crucial for optimum precision, as it places the reticle in the exact same focal plane as the target and “fixes it in place”, eliminating the possibility of parallax error. And, of course, it allows you to see your target clearly.

To adjust parallax, rotate the parallax knob until your target is in focus. The parallax wheel is marked for different distances between 10yds/m to infinity. These markings provide an indication of where your optimum parallax setting might be for a given distance, but will not always be 100% accurate as your ocular lens adjustment will affect the location of the focal plane. It is better to use your eye for such adjustments.



Tip: Place your riflescope in a fixed position and change the position of your eye (up/down, left/right) while adjusting parallax. If parallax is not set correctly, there will be apparent movement of the reticle in relation to the target. Adjust the parallax until this movement is eliminated.

Adjusting Magnification

The HELIX HDLR features a magnification of 2-16x, and can be adjusted using the magnification ring near the rear of the riflescope.

The ring is marked with magnification powers from 2x up to 16x, and will line up precisely with the arrow on the ocular tube to indicate magnification.



This model is in Second Focal Plane, which means that the subtensions of the reticle will change with respect to the target as magnification is changed – The reticle is calibrated at 16x, and reticle subtensions will be correct at this setting.

Illuminated Reticle

The HELIX HDLR features an illumination dial with different brightness settings and “off” positions between clicks.

The illumination system uses a **CR2032 battery**, which can be found at most hardware stores.

Fitting/Removing the Throw Lever

Each HELIX HDLR comes standard with a throw lever that enables fast adjustment of the magnification ring. This can be removed simply by unscrewing and replacing with the included hex screw.



Your HELIX HDLR will need to be zeroed after it has been fitted to your rifle. The Elevation & Windage turrets feature different designs, and need to be reset differently. The first step is to lift the elevation turret housing and remove the zero stop mechanism to allow a full range of adjustment.

1) Remove the Elevation Turret Housing

The HELIX HDLR is fitted with a tool-free elevation turret housing that can be removed by hand. With one hand holding the turret firmly in place, turn the knurled portion of the locking cap anticlockwise with your other hand until it lifts out. With this piece removed, you can lift off the turret housing to expose the zero-stop mechanism.



2) Remove the Zero-Stop Mechanism

To remove the zero-stop mechanism, use a 1.5mm hex key to loosen the three locking screws, and then lift the zero-stop mechanism off. Keep it somewhere safe! Replace the turret housing to continue.



3) Remove the Windage Turret Cap

Unscrew the windage cap counterclockwise to expose the turret underneath.

Tip: We've included a **thread protector ring** for the windage turret, which will allow you to permanently remove the windage cap and use it as an exposed turret if you wish.



Adjusting the Turrets

Your HELIX HDLR will either be an MOA model, or an MRAD (MIL) model. These are two different angular units of measurement that are used by precision shooters. For in-depth information on these different units, see the guide on page 12. If you have an MRAD model, your turrets should read “1 Click = 1/10 MRAD”, while MOA models should read “1 Click = 1/4 MOA”. In simple terms, 1 click on an MOA turret will move the reticle 1/4” at 100 Yards, and 1 click on an MRAD turret will move the reticle 1 cm at 100 Meters.



- To move your Point of Impact UP, turn ANTI-CLOCKWISE on your ELEVATION TURRET.
- To move your Point of Impact DOWN, turn CLOCKWISE on your ELEVATION TURRET.
- To move your Point of Impact RIGHT, turn ANTI-CLOCKWISE on your WINDAGE TURRET.
- To move your Point of Impact LEFT, turn CLOCKWISE on your WINDAGE TURRET.

Boresighting

The HELIX HDLR is optically zeroed at the factory, so it should be close to center when fitted. Even so, it is important to check that you are “on paper” to avoid frustration. Bore-sight your rifle to ensure that your reticle is roughly aligned before fine-tuning. If using an airgun or rimfire, shoot a large target at a close distance to check basic alignment.

Fine-Tuning your Zero

We’ve designed the HELIX HDLR with reticle and turret units matching each other, which will make fine-tuning your zero an easy process. You can use your reticle to measure your Point of Impact offset from your target, and adjust accordingly.

For example, if your POI is 10 MOA Low and 5 MOA Right, you will adjust your turrets 40 clicks (10 MOA) UP and 20 clicks (5 MOA) LEFT to shift your reticle position to match your POI. You can use the MRAD/MOA scales on the APR reticles to measure to the nearest click!

We recommend taking a 3-shot group to confirm your zero before continuing to the next step. We also recommend a zero distance of 100yds/m for centerfire rifles, 50yds/m for rimfires and 20–50yds/m for airguns. If you cannot boresight your rifle, start at a closer distance to get on paper, and then move out further to make precise adjustments.

SCAN FOR ZEROING TUTORIAL

How to use Element's intuitive Reticles & Turrets
to quickly and precisely zero your rifle & scope.



Setting your Zero-Stop

The HELIX HDLR is fitted with a zero-stop mechanism to make returning to zero an easy process. After dialling your elevation turret for a long-range shot, the zero stop will allow you to return to zero without even looking at your turrets.

- 1) Once your turrets have been zeroed, remove the turret housing and fit the zero-stop mechanism in place. Make sure that your turrets do not rotate at all (click) during this step.
- 2) Rotate the zero-stop ring clockwise while maintaining downward pressure. You will feel a hard stop as the pins engage.
- 3) Tighten the three locking screws with a 1.5mm hex key to lock in position.



Setting the Position of the Turret Housing

You will want to set your turret housing so that the "0" on your turret lines up with the indicator.

- 1) Line up the "0" on the turret housing with the indicator line and push it down into position. The teeth on the turret housing will match up with the teeth on the turret rod.
- 2) With one hand holding the turret firmly in place, screw the turret cap firmly down to lock it into place.
- 3) The windage turret can be reset in the same way. Use the rim of a bullet casing, a coin or a screwdriver to loosen & tighten the lock screw.

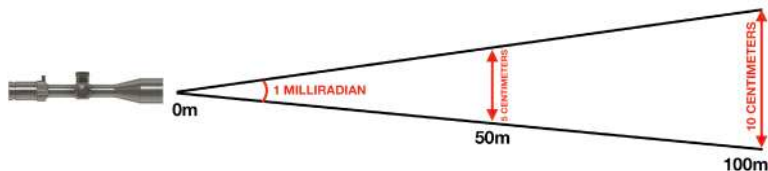


While it is possible to use your rifle scope without understanding how these systems work, it is best to know the basic concepts, as they are an integral part of “Shooting Education”, and will help you get the best out of your rifle scope.

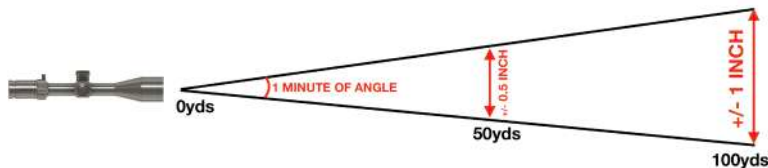
The two units we use in the shooting world are Milliradians (MRAD or MIL for short) and Minutes of Angle (MOA for short). The concept behind these two is very similar: They are angular units of measurement, meaning they can be used at any distance to quantify the distance between turret clicks and reticle markings.

Technically speaking, one MRAD = 1/1000 of a Radian, and one MOA = 1/60 of a Degree. But that doesn't help us.

Let's look at these units in terms of how they correspond to reticle divisions at different distances. In simple terms, ONE MRAD = 10cm at 100m, and ONE MOA = 1.047” at 100yds. This makes these two units very useful, because we can relate them to units of measurement we use every day.



A shooter practicing at a 100m range can easily measure his group size in cm through the scope using his MRAD reticle, and a shooter at a 100yd range can estimate his group size in Inches using an MOA reticle.



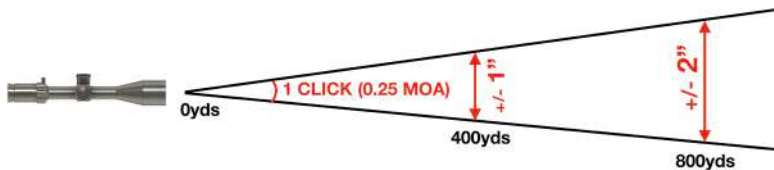
This is also incredibly useful for measuring your POI offset when zeroing your scope, or even measuring the size of an animal when hunting. But there is some mental maths involved. Because these are angular units of measurement, the corresponding length units will change depending on your distance from the target. For example, at 1000 Meters, one MRAD will now span 100cm (1m) instead of 10cm, and at 1000 Yards, 1 MOA will span 10.47" instead of 1.047". And the same applies the other way round: at 50m, one MRAD will span 5cm and 1 MOA will span approximately half an inch.

Most riflescope turrets are divided up into smaller units for more precise adjustments.

The HELIX HDLR features 1/10 MRAD and 1/4MOA click adjustments. Again, let's break that down:

MRAD model: 1 Click at 100m = 1cm

MOA model: 1 Click at 100yds = Approx. 1/4"



The 2-16x50 HELIX HDLR is available with 2 different reticle options.

MOA: APR-1C MOA

MRAD: APR-1C MRAD

These reticles are specifically designed to give you the aim points & features you need without cluttering your field of view with unnecessary markings. Many shooters will choose to use their turrets to compensate, however the reticle has enough hold points to be utilised as well, and is in the same units as the turrets for easy translation of movement.

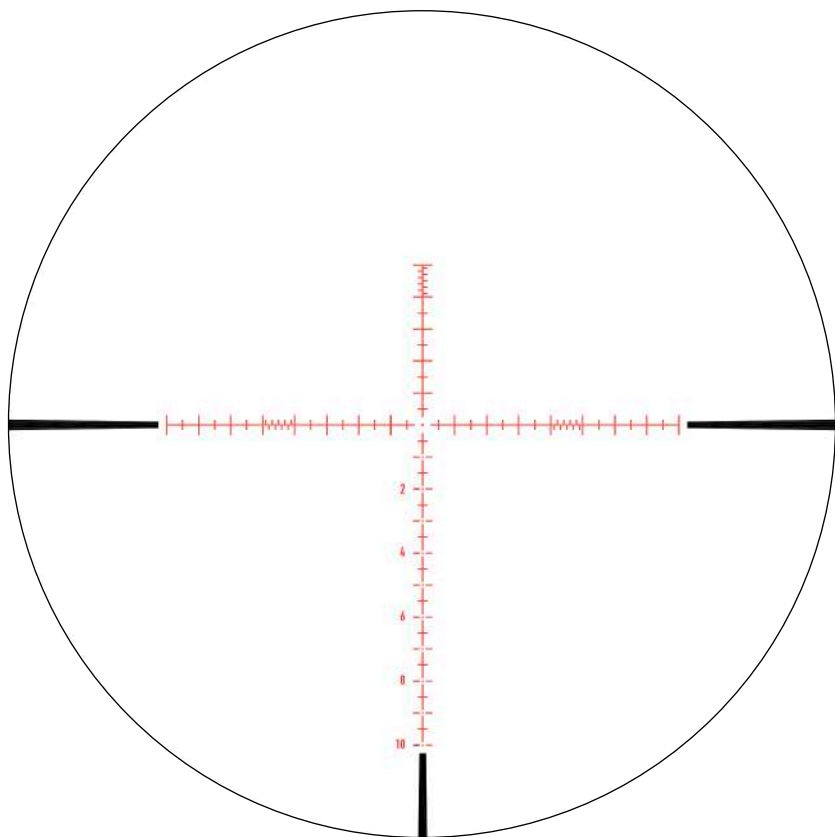
The HDLR is specifically designed to be a crossover scope for both close-range and long-range hunting, therefore the choice to dial the turret or hold on the reticle itself is entirely up to you!

APR RETICLE OVERVIEW

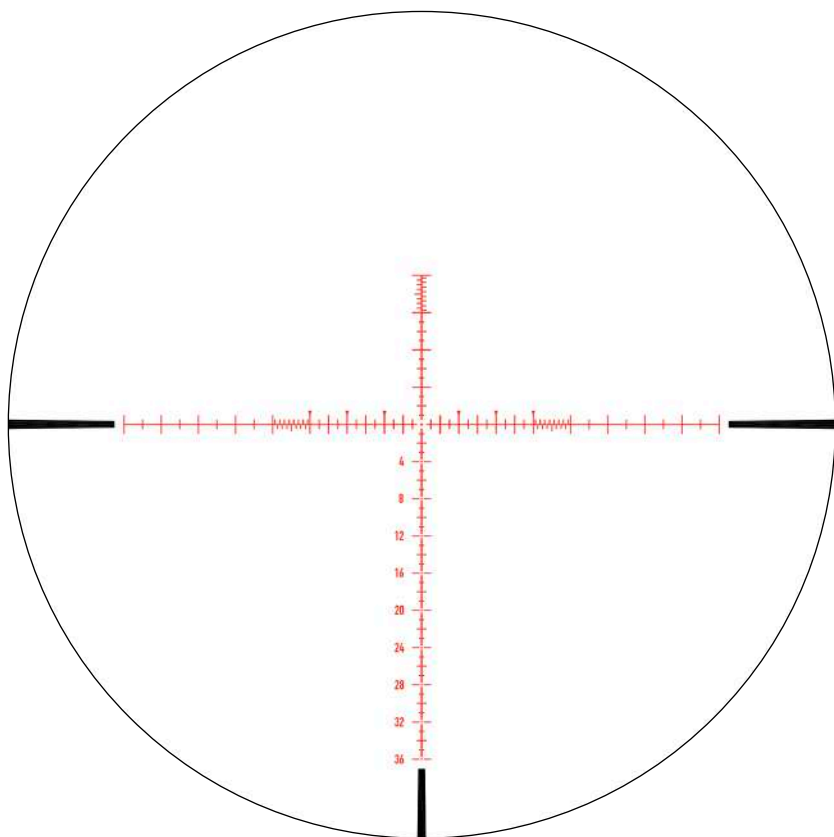
With so many reticle options nowadays, it is difficult to find something that can be used for all situations. Element's reticles have been designed by hunters, competition shooters and plinkers – We do it all, and we've done our best to design all-purpose reticles that are useful without being too “cluttered”. APR stands for “All-Purpose Reticle”, and has been designed with some intuitive features:

- 1/10 MRAD or 1/4 MOA scale on the vertical & horizontal axis for measuring group size
- Center dot for clarity when engaging small targets
- Numbered markings for fast holds in stressful situations
- Tapered bars to draw your eye to the centre of the reticle.

These reticles are calibrated at **16x** Magnification.
The subtensions will only be accurate at 16x.



APR-1C MRAD



APR-1C MOA

A picture says a thousand words, and a video says a million.

Scan the QR codes below with your mobile device for access to tutorials, instructions and other informative content.

MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

How To Correctly Mount Your Riflescope, including positioning, levelling, setting eye relief and torquing ring screws.



ZEROING YOUR RIFLE

How to use Element's intuitive Reticles & Turrets to quickly and precisely zero your rifle & scope.



HELIX HDLR PAGE

Read More about the Helix HDLR, and access related content like blogs, new videos, product overviews, merchandise, etc.



The HELIX HDLR includes a number of accessories right out the box:

TRANSPARENT FLIP CAPS:

All HELIX models include flip caps as part of the package, however as a 'hunting scope', we recognise that you may want to keep the flip caps closed in poor weather conditions to keep the lens dry. The transparent caps allow you to still use the scope with caps closed, although you probably want to take the extra second to open them to get the full "HD" experience!

SUNSHADE:

Hunting in the mornings or evenings can cause problems if you have glare from the sun hitting your objective lens at the wrong angle. Fitting the included 3" sunshade will help reduce the chance of this happening.

ALLEN KEYS & LENS CLOTH:

The included hex keys & lens cloth should save you some time: Don't feel the need to dig around for the right tools, they are all there!

THREAD PROTECTOR RINGS & THROW LEVER:

These have been mentioned in the manual already - Make sure to keep them in a safe place when not in use!

SPARES:

What if you lose a turret cap or throw lever out in the field?

Don't worry, we have you covered! We keep stock of spares for this very reason, and also have bits & pieces available on our web shop for purchase.

As shooters, we know that there is nothing worse than being let down by your equipment. We have made every effort to build a rugged, reliable product that will not break under any normal circumstances, and have implemented some of the strictest quality control measures in the industry. However, we know that things can go wrong, and therefore ALL ELEMENT Riflescopes are covered by our PLATINUM LIFETIME WARRANTY. This includes lifetime cover for any riflescopes damaged through normal use, and requires no registration, proof of purchase or transfer. If you have a problem, we will fix it - It's that easy!

For any warranty claims, please contact support@element-optics.com or complete a claim form on our website.



The Element Optics PLATINUM LIFETIME WARRANTY applies to riflescopes only, and does not cover accessories. Theft, loss, deliberate damage and cosmetic damage that does not hinder the operation of the riflescope is not covered. If your product can not be repaired and a replacement model is no longer in production, a model of equal value will be substituted. For more details, visit www.element-optics.com/warranty

SPEC SHEET

MAGNIFICATION RANGE	2-16x	
TUBE DIAMETER	30mm	
OBJECTIVE LENS DIAMETER	50mm	
EXIT PUPIL	8.5-3.1mm	
EYE RELIEF	101.6mm (4")	
FIELD OF VIEW	@100yds: 60.4-7.5ft	@100m: 20.2-2.51m
CLICK VALUE	1/4 MOA (15 MOA / REV)	1/10 MRAD (6 MRAD / REV)
ELEVATION ADJUSTMENT RANGE	100 MOA	29 MRAD
WINDAGE ADJUSTMENT RANGE	45 MOA	13 MRAD
MINIMUM PARALLAX	10 YDS	10 METERS
LENGTH	13.39"	340mm
WEIGHT	27.1oz	770g



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