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Scout Scopes AK Mount (or “the 'Burnernikov' gets some glass”)

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A short time ago, our humble host Jamie, did a review on the Scout Scopes SKS mount.

Well, knowing that I was about to complete the building of an AK type rifle, Jamie asked me to do the testing and review of the Scout Scopes AK mount.

This can be summed up in three words: “I like it.” It has to be one of the best and simplest “no gunsmith” mounts I have ever seen.

The Project Begins

Project Components and Where to Buy the Parts	
	
<p>Scout Scopes, Inc. 1420 Cypress Creek Rd.</p>	

Ste. 200-201
Cedar Park, Texas 78613

Email Form: <http://www.scoutscopes.com/contact.html>

Web Page: Scoutscopes.com

AK Sight Base And Scope Rail - Price: \$60.00

Manufacturer Supplied Marketing Information

Want better accuracy from you AK rifle? No problem. You'll be surprised at the precision your rifle is capable of delivering. The AK Sight Base and Scope Rail Combo is computer milled from a solid block of aluminum for strength, providing years of service and its light weight. The AK Sight Base provides a solid platform for scout style scopes or red dot sights. The scope and weaver style rail can be removed for cleaning, allowing access to the gas tube and block. When remounted the scope will retain zero. In the event your scope is damaged the AK Sight Base can be used as a traditional rear sight.

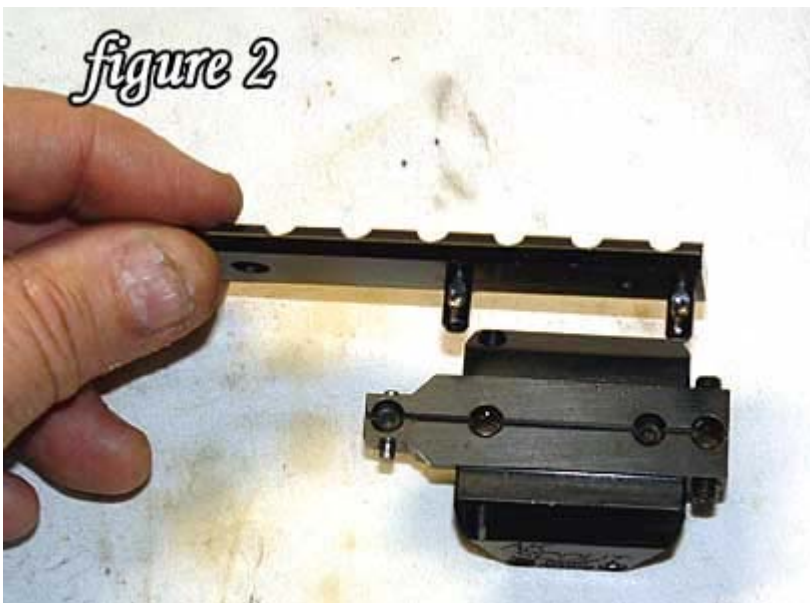
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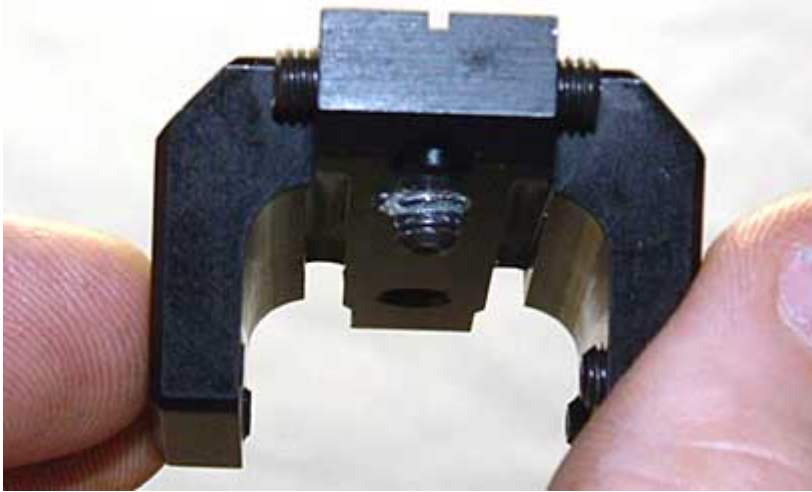
SAFETY! Make sure the rifle is unloaded and pointed in a safe direction before continuing with the project.

The finish and machine work is outstanding to say the least.

figure 2



The mounting pins and holes for the top rail are machined to a very close tolerance and fit snugly even without the mounting screws tightened. (Figure 2) The rail is rock solid after the screws are locked down.

figure 3

The base is even machined to use as a standard iron sight when the top rail is removed. (Figure 3)

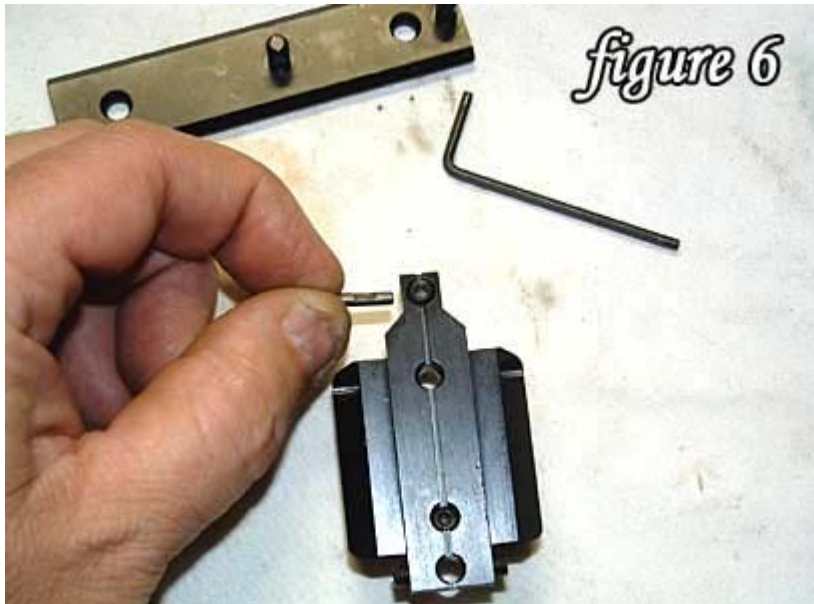
figure 4

Installation on my AMD65 was quick and simple.

After insuring that the weapon was unloaded, chamber-empty and safe, I placed it in the vice. Then, having no pin to remove, I used a screwdriver to press down and to the rear and popped out the rear sight.

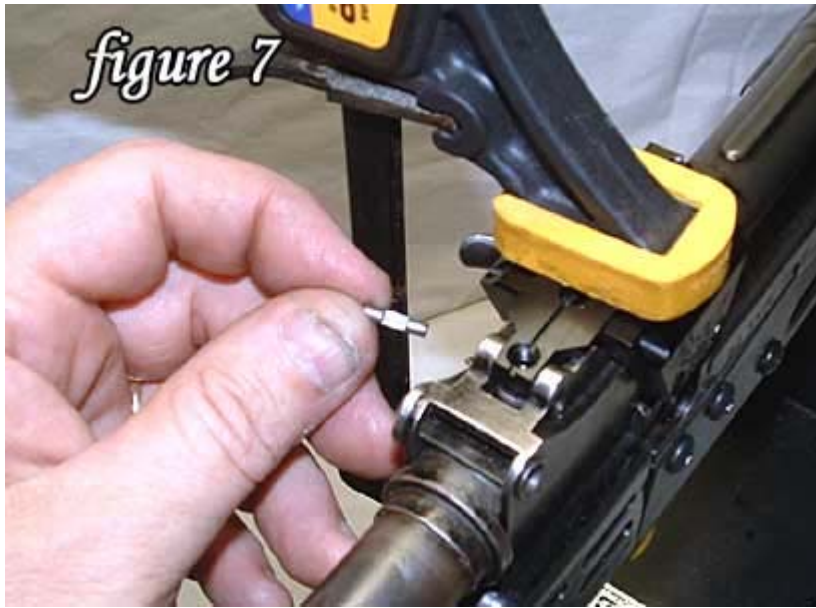
With the sight removed I then proceeded to install the Scout Scopes mount.

I loosened the four screws and removed the top rail.

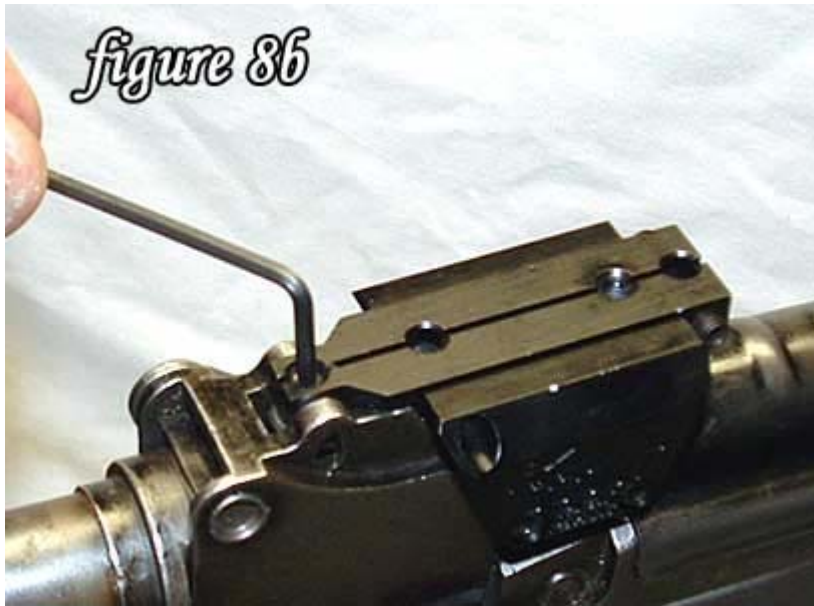


After loosening the screw on the front pin, I removed the pin.

Like Jamie, I also used a quick clamp to press the mount into place.



I then reinstalled the pin and tightened the screw, using a drop of loc-tite to keep it in place. (Figures 8A and 8B)



Then, using a laser, I bore-sighted the new rear sight to the rifle and evenly tightened the four mounting screws.

Now to install the scope:

The top rail was installed and the four screws tightened starting with the left side first as per the instructions (always starting with the left-hand side screws helps with the repeatability of the scope mounting and not needing to re-zero each time it is removed).



After all four screws were evenly tightened, the scope was installed.

The long eye relief scope was installed using normal mounting procedures and bore-sighted using a laser sighting system.



Targets and Finished Products



The "Burnernikov" (AMD65 kit build) with the Scout Scopes scope mount and Long Eye Relief Scope installed.



The "Burnernikov" (AMD65 kit build) with the Scout Scopes scope mount and Red Dot Scope installed.



figure 11

Then came the trip to the range to be sighted in properly.

Scope used: NC Star 2.5 X20 LER

Ammo: Wolf 122grn HP

Rifle: The "Burnernikov" (AMD65 kit build.)

After sighting in and warming up the rifle, five test shots were fired, the scope was removed, re installed, and five more shots fired at a different target. The results were an almost identical grouping. (Figures 11 and 12)

All in all, this is a very good product and a must for scout style mounting on any AK style rifle.



My recommendations for improvement would be to make the rear sight groove wider and to have some sort of thumbscrews for top rail removal. This would eliminate the need for a hex key in the field.

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