



Bushnell Trophy XLT 3-9x40

Overall Rating: ★★

A raging bargain, this value-priced scope from Bushnell has surprisingly crisp optics, even on the edge of the image. It lost significant points, however, by shifting its point of aim more than a minute of angle across the magnification range.

Adding to its value, the versatile 1-inch scope ships with Butler Creek lens caps. **(\$170; bushnell.com)**

Report Card OPTICAL QUALITY: 14th IMAGE: B+ DESIGN: B PRICE/VALUE: B+



Cabela's Caliber Specific 3-9x40

Overall Rating: ★★★★★

Cabela's joins a new trend in riflescopes with this caliber-specific model, which features a reticle dedicated to the ballistics of the .17HMR.

There are no frills in this 1-inch tube, but testers appreciated the bright glass and impressive low-light performance. Mechanically, it demonstrated imprecision in windage and elevation tracking. **(\$100; cabelas.com)**

Report Card OPTICAL QUALITY: 13th IMAGE: B DESIGN: B PRICE/VALUE: A



Carson 3D 3.5-10x44

Overall Rating: ★★★★★

A newcomer to the rifle-scope market, Carson's value-minded submission turned in solid optical-quality scores, and testers liked the oversize rubber power-changing ring and generous eye relief on the 1-inch tube.

Though the model we tested was a prototype, it demonstrated adequate clarity for the price. **(\$290; carsonoptical.com)**

Report Card OPTICAL QUALITY: 11th IMAGE: B DESIGN: B PRICE/VALUE: B



Kahles Helia CSX 2.5-10x50

Overall Rating: ★★★★★

From the subtle illuminated aiming point to the precisely machined windage and elevation gears, the Helia is built like an old-world clock. But it's the gem-bright glass that caused testers to covet this serious scope built around a 30mm tube—if only any of us owned a rifle worthy of being topped by this world-class optic.

(\$2,469; kahlesoptik.com)
Report Card OPTICAL QUALITY: 3rd IMAGE: A+ DESIGN: A+ PRICE/VALUE: B