

## RIFLE

A *proper fitting rifle* is key. If your gun does not fit your frame size or is uncomfortable, you will struggle being confident with it. Also think of where this gun may travel with you. Will you be packing it in mountains or hills, or is it a range gun?

Most guns built today are great shooting weapons. Many \$500 guns shoot just as well as \$2000 guns. Be sure to check to see if your gun has an *adjustable trigger*, if not, you may want to investigate in an aftermarket trigger. An adjustable trigger helps eliminates slips when gripping the gun and reduces the pull weight of the trigger for smoother shots. A good LR hunting trigger should be set near 2lbs to 3lbs.

Additionally, look for a gun that has an *adjustable cheek riser*. Being able to adjust the height of your eye looking into the scope will be necessary.

Be sure to look at *barrel twist rates*. The twist rate of the barrel speaks of how many turns the rifle makes in a certain distance inside the barrel. You will want to pair the twist rate of the barrel with the bullet weight you intend to shoot. Typically, the heavier the bullet, the faster twist rate you will need. Some examples of twist rates are for a 6.5 Creedmoor is 1 in 8.5 inches. Meaning, it makes one complete twist in 8.5 inches. For a 308, you commonly see 1 in 10 inches, which is 1 complete twist in 10 inches.