

Optic set-up is crucial at any distance. Even if you're only planning on shooting 200 yards, make sure your optics are square with your gun action and barrel. If your scope is not aligned, your shot may be off by many degrees. There are products such as leveling systems that use bubble levels or wedges systems to aid in correctly mounting your optics. If you feel that do not have a good square mount, take your gun along with your optic to a qualified gunsmith to have it properly mounted and squared.

In addition to having your optic mounted properly, getting a clear sight picture is another area where perfection is needed. Proper eye relief is needed for a clear sight picture. This can be achieved by setting the relief correctly, having your head at proper height so your eye lines up with the center of the optic. As mentioned earlier, having an adjustable cheek piece or cheek bag riser is a great way to accomplish this. Keep in mind that when you are shooting with your eye, it should be focused on the *crosshairs only*. It is IMPOSSIBLE to have both crosshairs and the target in focus at the same time. Your crosshairs should be clear, and the target should be blurry.