

PROOFTM SETS ITS SIGHTS ON NEW ZEALAND

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Founded in 2011, Proof Research has steadily grown to become a worldwide market leader with their carbon fiber composite barrels and custom precision rifles for hunting, recreational and professional use. Proof's patented fiber-wound carbon fiber barrel technology and commitment to quality and performance has resulted in acceptance by sportsmen, competitors and military operators alike. Theirs are the only composite barrels in use by U.S. Tier 1 military units.

At the factory in Columbia Falls, Montana, Proof's carbon fiber composite barrels start out identically to their precision steel barrels as fully stress-relieved 416R stainless steel bar stock. These bars are then precision drilled, cut rifled and then hand lapped to produce the straightest and most consistent barrel blanks possible. From there, barrels destined to become composite barrels are turned down to a minimum profile before being built back up with aerospace grade carbon fiber. Proof's unique carbon winding process allows them to engineer the carbon composite for each barrel and avoid problems that have plagued other composite barrels such as point of impact shift due to changes in the barrel's temperature and delamination of the carbon from the steel.

Proof Research has applied this barrel technology to a wide variety of barrels. By far, their most popular products are carbon wrapped bolt barrel blanks which are available in several contours and a variety of caliber, length and twist rate combinations to fit your needs. These blanks are ready to be fit to your rifle by a gunsmith. Also available is an assortment of chambered and crowned barrels that are ready for installation into your Savage, Accuracy International, Ruger Precision, AR-10 or AR-15 rifle. Most pre-fit barrels come standard with muzzle threads to make installation of your favorite brake or suppressor a breeze. For the more budget concise or those looking for a more traditional offering, Proof also manufactures precision cut-rifled steel barrels to fit nearly every need.

These precision barrels also serve as the core of Proof's line of custom rifles. The Summit is their top of the line lightweight hunting rifle. For the long range hunting enthusiast, the Terminus comes with a Monte Carlo style raised comb stock. The Tac II with its vertical grip, adjustable comb and wide forend is everything a tactical bolt action rifle should be. The most recent addition to the line is the short action Switch, a hybrid hunting and competition style rifle with the ability to change barrels and bolt heads in minutes at your bench vise. This allows for one rifle to cover a wide variety of needs.

Recently, Kelly Streiff, VP of Sales and Marketing, and Ben White, Weapons Development Engineer, travelled from Montana to officially launch their products into the New Zealand market





in partnership with the New Zealand Ammunition Company. NZ Ammo's reputation as a distributor of top quality products and established dealer network make them the ideal partner for Proof. Kiwis now have direct access to the breadth of Proof Research's product line. While in New Zealand, Ben and Kelly attended the annual Sika Show & Competition in Taupo to answer any and all questions from attendees and to learn about the unique needs of New Zealand shooters. The following week, Proof and NZ Ammo hosted a range day and seminar in Upper Hutt for a group of writers, gunsmiths and dealers from some hands-on product demonstrations with a Switch rifle in 6.5 Creedmoor and a Summit rifle in 300 WSM, and more in-depth discussion. While at the range, an impromptu competition with the Switch resulted in some impressive 3-shot groups at 200m using Norma ammunition and a GPO scope. First and second place were separated by only 2mm with the first-place group measuring a scant 9mm.

Proof Research's commitment to the New Zealand marketplace was evident during their visit and Kiwis were the first to hear about several exciting new products for 2019. Probably the most anticipated product will be the Traverse rifle. This lightweight hunting rifle strives to bring the all critical performance elements of Proof's top end custom rifles (an all carbon fiber stock, carbon fiber wound match-grade barrel

and precision machined action) into a more affordable package that still delivers the accuracy and hard-use durability that Proof rifles are known for.

Also for 2019, Proof's pinnacle hunting rifle will be the Glacier Ti which is replacing the Summit. As the name suggests, this rifle will come equipped with a titanium action that is a quarter kilogram lighter than the steel action it is replacing. This rifle is also the first to benefit from Proof's new stock making process that results in an incredibly light, yet strong foundation for the rifle.

Finally, based on feedback they received while in New Zealand, Proof will be expanding their line of barrels that are suitable for the popular Tikka rifles.

For information regarding pricing and availability, contact NZ Ammunition Company. For more information regarding Proof's existing and new products, please visit their website and follow them on social media.

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