

The Swarovski Laser Guide 8 x 30 rangefinder is a superb piece of optical engineering, with a maximum range of 1400m, though I did manage to get a range of 1514m, that even works very well in poor weather conditions. I was still able to range things in the rain and light fog. This is something that can be lacking in other rangefinders of lesser quality.

Of course being made by Swarovski, the optical quality is outstanding and being in 8 x 30, this unit easily doubles as a fine glassing tool when scanning the bush edges and thick undergrowth for any sign of game and movement. The optic itself works very well in low light given the aperture of 30mm and the 8 power magnification. This also allows you to see things at great distance that you wouldn't pick up with the naked eye. It has a very generous field of view and is quite a light instrument for what you get. Of course being a monocular, I would not recommend it for all day glassing sit ins, but you can do away with carrying binos when going for a walk in the scrub with this being your only optic.

One of the best features of the Swarovski Laser Guide is the fact that it has a scan mode. With this feature, you can hold down the range button to continuously range targets as you scan around; it will even range an animal on the run. The scan mode works all the way out to 800m in favourable conditions. This is a great feature when setting up an ambush where you can range trees, stumps and rocks in one foul

sweep, as long as you have the button depressed. This is very handy as you will know what range an animal will be at when it comes within your shooting range. With my old rangefinder, I had to constantly focus on an object, range it, then move to the next, get a fix and range again, depressing the button each time. I would often forget the last point of measurement as I focussed on the next. No need to do this anymore as the digital display constantly ticks over as you move the little red aiming circle from spot to spot, giving a range on everything it passes.

Measurements can be made in either yards or meters and the display has an automatic brightness control, allowing it to be viewed in all light conditions. It uses a Class 1 Laser that is safe to the human eye and has adjustable eye cups and dioptre adjustment. It is rubber armoured for shock and noise absorption and makes for comfortable handling in all weather conditions. Weighing only 386grams, with the batteries in, makes it a very handy optic, given that it can fulfil two functions in one, being a rangefinder and high optical quality monocular. It is waterproof to 4m and will work from -10 deg to +50 deg Celsius.

This is one fine rangefinder of the highest quality that you would come to expect from a fine company with a huge reputation like Swarovski. Any bowhunter would find this a valuable addition to their arsenal and one that can be relied upon for many years of fine service ■



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The Swarovski Laser Guide in use on a recent hunt. Featuring exceptional build quality, and optical performance, this rangefinder excels in every department.

Technical Data

Magnification	8x
Objective Lens Diameter	30mm
Exit Pupil	3.75mm
Eye relief	15mm
Field of View(m/1000m)	136
Twilight Factor	16
Maximum range	1400m
Minimum range	10m
Accuracy	± 1m
Waterproof	Yes
Submersion Tightness	4 m
Tripod Thread	¼" UNC
Temp Range	-10°/+50°
Display	Mtr/Yd
Battery	1xCR2
Length	120mm
Width	99mm
Height	46mm
Weight	386gr

