

Test Report

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TETRA GUN CARE PRODUCTS



Tetra Gun offers a complete and extensive range of gun care products which are suited for all kinds of firearms including shotguns.

THE SENSIBLE CARE of firearms begins with religiously cleaning them every time you use them. Broadly speaking, the enemies of firearms are rust and corrosion. Dampness induces rust and in coastal areas where there's salt in the air, the rusting process is speeded up. Corrosion is caused by chemical action and like rust must be prevented.

A suitable gun cleaning kit is a necessity. A clean rifle is an accurate rifle; there's no getting away from that. Clean guns can be depended upon to shoot more accurately, function more reliably and last longer.

We all hate the follow-up to shooting which is cleaning, but Tetra Gun-Care products have made that chore less onerous. The product has become well-known to Aussie shooters after Highland Sports, the local distributor offered references from a host of discriminating gun people. A number of gunmakers in Europe, including Feinwerkbrau, Walther and others use Tetra Gun lubricants in their factories. But Tetra enjoys most of its success in factories spread across the U.S.A. Tetra Gun plays a prominent role in not only the Savage and Marlin plants, but Freedom Arms shop, Wildey and Para-Ordnance include samples of Tetra Gun Products with their handguns. Kimber recommends Tetra Guns products as the best at keeping their prestigious firearms in tip-top working condition.

So why should you change over from the lubricants you've been using for years? You'll need a very good reason. But there's no better excuse than to try something that might prove to be better. Tetra Gun claims its

comprehensive range of products outperform traditional gun-cleaning products. Tetra Gun's line includes lubricant, spray and grease, as well as Copper Cutter, a bore solvent that will not only strip all copper, lead and powder residue from rifled bores, but also remove plastic wad fouling from the surface of shotgun bores. Then there's Action Blaster, a grime fighting spray that flushes all dirt and debris from all the hard-to-reach nooks and crannies in a firearm.

According to Tetra Gun, its products are superior to all others when it comes to freeing up internal mechanisms in lever and pumps and semi-autos. They say that the seizure point for parts lubed by its products far exceeded seizure points for metal treated and protected by competitive brands of oil. Tests proved that Tetra Gun products kept seizure at bay beyond the 160 ft/lb level. Alternative brands failed at 130 (lubricant), 120-(spray) and 60 (grease).

Tetra Gun Lubricant is a high-tech Fluoropolymer Penetrating Lubricant and Bore Conditioner. While I did study chemistry in High School, that was 60 years ago, so the space-age additives that make Tetra Gun superior are beyond my knowledge. Not that I really care all that much because I'm only interested in whether they work as well as they are supposed to.

Tetra Gun says that thoroughly clean bores treated with a film of Tetra Gun Lubricant give improved performance. The liquid reduces friction by sealing microscopic cavities in the bore, easing the bullet's travel and helping to keep pressures more uniform from shot-to-shot. For Tetra Gun Lubricant to work properly it is necessary to have a clean bore. Here's how they recommend to get it:

Spray the bore, or soak a flannel patch with **Tetra Gun Copper Solvent**. Stand the gun aside and allow the solvent to work 15 to 30 minutes. Run a bronze brush through the bore making about six passes. Then clean the brush with **Tetra Gun Action Blaster** to neutralize the solvent and prevent it dissolving the bristles. Spray Action Blaster in the chamber. Run a series of dry patches through the bore until one comes out clean. Finally, saturate a patch with Tetra Gun Lubricant and swab 10 to 20 times; dry thoroughly with a number of dry patches. A microscopic film of lubricant will remain to protect the bore against rust and "seal" microscopic pores in the metal. This treatment is particularly effective in chrome-moly barrels which are porous rather than stainless barrels which are non-porous.

Spraying Action Blaster in bolt faces frees up plunger ejectors and flushes away brass shavings and other crud. It also dissolves black powder residue. Tetra Gun Copper Solvent removes plastic-wad residue in shotgun barrels better than anything else I've tried.

Before application, it is recommended to test Tetra compounds on all non-metal materials since it has an adverse effect on both wood and synthetic stocks. Before storing a firearm it is a good idea to wipe over all exposed metal surfaces with an oily rag, then polish them with a dry, clean rag and store them muzzle down so that solvent won't run into the tang of the stock.

Tetra Gun offers other products which can enhance the appearance of your guns. They include blue and rust remover which removes old blue and surface rust without damaging the base metal. And there's **Tetra Gun Liquid Blue** to produce a new finish.

Tetra also offers the **ProSmith line of cleaning rods**. Stainless steel rods with Du Pont Tufcoat sheathing feature Delrin handles and brass centering collars. Rifle rods are available in calibres from .17 to .30 in two lengths - 29 and 36 inch - with 8/32 threads. There's also a 44 inch Benchrest Rifle Rod in .22 and .30, a 34 inch Universal Shotgun/ black powder rod with 5/16/27 threads. A twin-tip 8 inch Universal Pistol Rod is available, as well as



assorted brass jags, bronze brushes and wool mops together with a Universal Bore Guide. Value Pro II Cleaning Kits come in five sizes for rifles, two for handguns, and four for shotguns.

Tetra Gun Packs contain everything you need to clean your firearms - Spray Lube, Gun Lube, Gun Grease and Copper Solvent. To round out the list of Tetra Gun Products, there's also a Gun Stock Finishing Kit with everything you need to give your stocks a facelift.

Trade enquiries contact Highland Sports website: www.highlandsports.com.au

Tetra cleaner and Lubricant can be sprayed onto a patch or into hard-to-reach crevices in the gun's action.

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