



Old Friends Bring New Things – a review of Accushot's newest addition to their monopod product line, the BT12 and BT13 PRM with Quick Knobs.

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Over the years, in military service, and as a tactical precision rifle devotee, I've come to appreciate simple things. You know what I'm talking about, they are those items that you carry in your kit or as part of your sniper's platform that are simple to use, unobtrusive, don't require maintenance and that quite frequently you can't live without. Well B&T Industries L.L.C. in Wichita KS is one company that makes and markets such an item. You may know them by their registered name, Accu-Shot®, and if you don't know them, I heartedly suggest you do. B&T Industries and its owner, Kasey D. Beltz, manufacture monopods that for a great many years have been faithfully serving military and law enforcement snipers around the world.

The Accu-Shot monopod attaches to the base of the butt stock by mounting to an existing sling stud. The monopod is then easily deployed by swinging the knob into action or retracting the knob in a likewise manner. The Accu-Shot monopod eliminates the need for a soldier or officer to carry rear support, such as a sand sock; an extremely valuable benefit in light of the armed forces' goal of a 32% weight reduction in the war fighter's load. The Accu-Shot monopod also provides an adjustable and stable support when used in conjunction with a bipod or a suitable rifle rest as needs dictates. All of these benefits translate into greater accuracy and improved operator performance. I've personally owned several Accu-Pod monopods with 1000s of rounds fired under a variety of environmental conditions without experiencing a single failure.

However, nothing stands still for very long and we are now in a transitional period where the familiar bolt action rifle, like the U.S. Army's M-24, is no longer meeting current mission demands; hence we are seeing an accelerated movement towards gas operated, large capacity precision platforms like the Knight's Armament SASS. Industry is responding to this change in requirements by producing a variety of accessories that further enhance the semiautomatic sniper platforms. One such company was Magpul Industries when they introduced the PRS, a precision rifle stock, which has thus far replaced a great many A2 style stocks. In addition to being adjustable for length of pull and cheek weld, the PRS designers were forward thinking enough to provide a Picatinny rail at the base of the stock. Kasey seized the moment and launched a new style monopod capable of attaching to that rail; giving birth to the BT12 and BT13 PRM. He went one step further and expanded on the BT12 and BT13 by developing a new option – one that's available for all of the Accu-Shot monopods - called the Quick Knob. The Quick Knob allows the operator to adjust the height of the monopod by simply pressing a button. The combination of a push button to deploy, which was initially introduced in 2005 with the BT08 monopod, the Accuracy International (ASAI) model, and the use of the Quick Knob makes the new generation of the Accu-Shot monopods a truly worthwhile product, and one that delivers on the promise of stability and reliability with ease of use.



The pictures below show the BT13 PRM with the QK02, the longer brother of the QK01.



Note how compact the entire package is and how well it tucks out of the way when not in use. This design makes firing the weapon, unsupported, very comfortable and avoids some of the bulkiness that was present in the older models. As can be seen in the photograph, the monopod installs securely on the rail. The button, that's visible on the mount, allows the knob to drop into position and the button on the QK02 allows for a rapid height adjustment. The additional photographs show the monopod fully deployed and fully extended.

At a price that's below \$100, the new Accu-Shot PRM is a must have on any sniper platform that provides a Picatinny rail at the base of the stock.

Conclusion: Companies succeed by innovating with a very clear target and a focused understanding of what adds value to the customer. B&T Industries L.L.C. has demonstrated that by exploiting a need that had previously been unanswered. The Accu-Shot monopod is one of those products that service men will tell you: "... it's guaranteed not to rust, bust, collect dust or scratch the snatch. It works fine and lasts a long time..."

With that said, if you don't own one, then fix it. It's money that you will never regret spending. For product availability or additional product information please contact B&T Industries, L.L.C. directly by calling (316) 721-3222, via e-mail at info@accu-shot.com or visit their web site at <http://www.accu-shot.com/>.

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