

### More information:

The Hostage target system is designed to further enhance your shooting skills. The concept is really new, but our system allows a shooter to refine their accuracy and precision. The addition of the paddle zones creates a fun and exciting reactive target, even for the weekend warrior!

### What calibers can be used?

The Rifle Hostage target was built specifically for .308 Winchester and 7.62x51 calibers. We received requests from some of our local SWAT snipers for a rifle rated hostage target that could stand up to their abuse with these calibers. We provided the most rugged hostage system on the market.

That being said, the hostage can be used with a host of different calibers. The success of the paddle rotating depends on the weight and velocity of the bullet. We have found success even with heavy .223/5.56 loads, and many calibers larger than .308 work well too. Simply compare your ballistics of your desired load to a 168 grain from a .308 at 100 yards. If they are the same or very nearly the same, the paddle should have no problem rotating. (We also offer a downsized paddle for smaller calibers.)

### What makes this target so rugged?

We try to avoid welding to AR plate as much as possible. We have extensively tested the welds on some of our pistol targets, and welding works fine when used with pistols. Rifles, however, transfer far more energy to the welds and they will eventually crack the welds over time. On this target we used a secondary plate and welded the gussets to this plate rather than the AR plate. This extends the life SIGNIFICANTLY of your target plate because the impact of the rifle bullets do not exactly. It is ALL in the details!

### Other Key Points:

-Please remember with rifles to maintain a 100 yard minimum distance from the muzzle to the target.

-If the target is to be left outside for extended periods of time, rust will begin to build up on exposed steel. Remember to touch up the target and parts with fresh paint before and after each shooting session. If the paddle is not rotating smoothly, apply a light amount of WD-40 or similar oil to regain proper movement.

-Check nuts and bolts before and after each session. Tighten them as required.

-Because there is so much mass rotating side to side, we recommend staking 2 places on the target base to keep the target from "walking" when shooting the paddle.

**-ALWAYS WEAR APPROVED EYE AND EAR PROTECTION WHENEVER ENJOYING SHOOTING SPORTS!**

**-Please read our separate safe shooting pamphlet included with this packaging. It outlines basic range safety and safe shooting practices. Please consult with trained professionals BEFORE partaking in ANY range shooting!**



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## INSTRUCTIONS

SAFELY USING YOUR STEEL  
TARGET SYSTEM





## RIFLE HOSTAGE SYSTEM

Congratulations and thank you for your purchase of one of our high quality steel target systems! We are pleased to offer you our innovative targets to help further your training and shooting goals. Whether for tactical drills, scenario training, competition drills, or just fun recreation, our steel targets will help make your experience that much more enjoyable. Please read the simple yet important instructions below to ensure your experience is as safe and enjoyable as possible

### Key points of your Hostage Target:

Assembly of our target base and single top is very simple but creates a sturdy target that is of the highest quality and safety. Please be sure that the base is set on LEVEL ground. **\*\*NOTE: you will need to cut down one 2x4 piece of lumber to length. We cannot control the length of the wood you choose to cut, or ultimately the height you choose to make your target, but we have found that cutting the board to between 3 to 4 feet long has worked very well. Always be sure the target is NOT higher than your backstop!**

## What is included in the box:

You will find the following packaged in your box:

- BC torso target, with connection clips and paddle bracket already installed



-Steel round ring base with (2) wing bolts for tightening/securing 2x4 upright post.

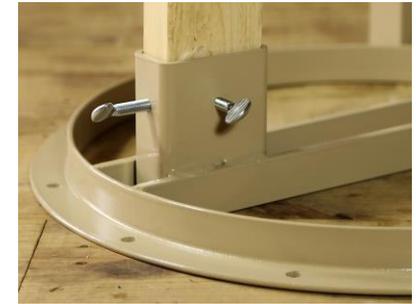


-3/8" AR550 Paddle. Please note the Rifle hostage can be purchased with a 308 paddle (TOP) or a .223 sized paddle (BOTTOM) or both, based on your order.



\*All hardware required to mount target is included\*  
\*\*Basic hand tools are required for installation of system\*\*

## Assembly Pictures:



Have your local wood supply store cut 2x4 lumber down to between 3 to 4 feet in length. Note that 2x4 lumber is an actual size of 1.5 inches by 3.5 inches. This size **MUST** be used to properly fit into the base. Apply adequate pressure by tightening the thumb screws that are already installed in the base. They are found on the back and side of the base.



Lay the target face down on the ground, slide the bracket in between the 2 angles that are already bolted to the target. Align the holes and slide the bolts through to fasten. There should be a washer on both sides of each bolt. Tighten the bolts with enough torque to ensure the target remains rigid. Next lift the target and slide the 2x4 post into the tube as shown on the left. It should easily slide over the 2x4 upright. Lastly install the paddle target through the 2 gussets welded to the back of the target plate. Ensure the paddle moves freely from side to side before beginning target shooting.

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