



VMR 3-18, FFP MRAD

USER MANUAL

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Choosing the right optic is more than a gear decision. It affects your performance, your confidence, and, in critical moments, your safety. When you rely on your equipment in demanding environments, you need optics that work without hesitation. Too many products are built for specifications and marketing claims instead of real-world use. That leads to complexity, inconsistency, and failure when conditions are least forgiving. Colt Optics was built to solve that problem. By listening to shooters in the field and studying how optics perform under stress, we design products that prioritize clarity, durability, and simplicity. Every component is engineered to hold zero, resist impact, and deliver dependable performance in harsh conditions. The result is an optic you can trust when it matters most.

Engineered for Real-World Performance

Every Colt Optics product is developed by engineers and industry professionals with hands-on experience in tactical and field environments. Our focus is simple: help you acquire targets faster, identify them more clearly, and maintain confidence in your equipment under pressure. Through

advanced modeling and extensive testing, our optics deliver sharp resolution across the entire field of view, reliable eye relief and forgiving exit pupil, consistent performance from any shooting position, and fast, accurate target acquisition in low light and high stress. This means less time adjusting and more time focusing on the task at hand.

Precision You Can Rely On

Each lens is designed with exact curvature and precise centering, then manufactured from premium optical glass and treated with advanced coatings for maximum light transmission and contrast. With over 92 percent light transmission, Colt Optics provides clear, detailed images from first light to last. Targets remain distinguishable, reticles remain crisp, and visual fatigue is reduced during extended use. Our optical systems are integrated into rugged mechanical and electronic platforms, assembled under disciplined quality controls, and verified through rigorous testing. Every optic is built to withstand recoil, environmental exposure, and long-term use without loss of performance.

Built for Confidence

Colt Optics products are not designed for display cases. They are built for shooters who depend on their equipment in demanding situations. Whether you are training, competing, hunting, or operating in professional environments, your optic should support your decisions, not complicate them. Our commitment is simple: deliver reliable, precise, and durable optics that help you perform at your best when it matters most.

Colt Optics-Make It Count

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HIGHER DEFINITION IMAGE QUALITY

- › Quality German SCHOTT and Japanese DHARA Glass
- › Multi-coated Lenses for Optimal Scratch Resistance and to Minimize Glare and Reflection
- › Advanced 92% Light Transmission
- › Striking Edge-to-edge Clarity with High Contrast Resolution
- › Superior Wide-angle Field of View
- › Smooth, Consistent, and Accurate Zoom Cam Curve

READY FOR WHEN AND WHERE IT COUNTS

- › IPX7 Waterproof Rated with -40°F (-40°C) to 160°F (71°C) Operational Range
- › .338 LAPUA Magnum Caliber Rated
- › Red Reticle Illumination
- › 12 Hour Automatic Shutoff

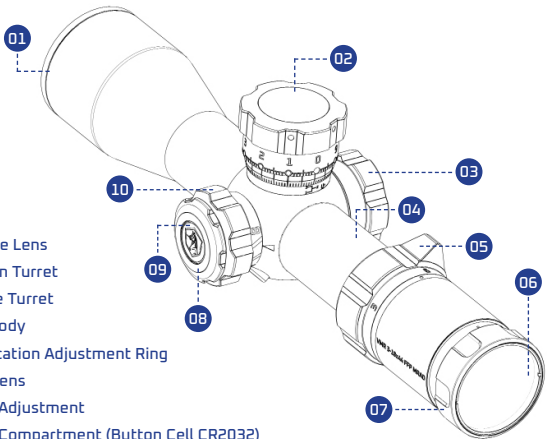
TAILORED ERGONOMICS

- › Intuitive Push/Pull Lockable Elevation Turret and Zero Resettable Windage and Elevation Turrets
- › Predictable, Tactile, and Audible Click Values
- › Serrated Turrets, Power Ring, and Eyepeice Diopter Optimized for Gloved Use
- › Integrated Throw Lever

VMR 3-18x44 SPECIFICATIONS

Magnification	3X - 18X
Focal Plane	First Focal Plane
Length	11.89" / 302 mm
Tube Diameter	34 mm
Objective Diameter	44mm
Mounting Space Front	1.77" / 45 mm
Mounting Space Rear	1.85" / 47 mm
Weight (w/Battery)	29.7 oz / 841 g
Eye Relief	3.94" / 100 mm
Exit Pupil	11 mm - 2.5 mm
Linear FOV @ 100 Yds	37.7' - 6.3'
Linear FOV @ 100 m	12.6 m - 2.1 m
Angular FOV	7.2° - 1.2°
Diopter	-3D - +2D
Parallax	15 yds / 27.4 m - Infinity
Total Internal Travel Elevation	35 MRAD
Total Internal Travel Windage	17 MRAD
MRAD Per Revolution	10 MRAD
Click Value	0.1 MRAD
Reticle	HXT-58 MRAD
Illumination	Red (8 Settings)
Fogproof	Nitrogen Gas Purged
Waterproof	IPX7
Battery Type	CR2032

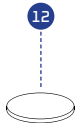
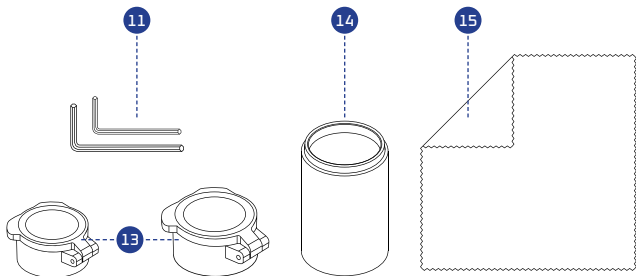
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OVERVIEW



⚠ WARNING

- **INGESTION HAZARD: DEATH** or serious injury can occur if ingested.
- A swallowed button cell or coin battery can cause **Internal Chemical Burns** in as little as **2 hours**.
- **KEEP** new and used batteries **OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**.
- **Seek immediate medical attention** if a battery is suspected to be swallowed or inserted inside any part of the body.
- For treatment information call: [phone number for the National Battery Ingestion Hotline, currently 1-(800) 498-8666].

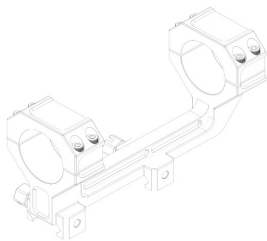


PROPER MOUNTING OF COLT OPTICS SCOPES TO SCOPE RINGS



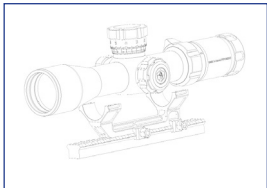
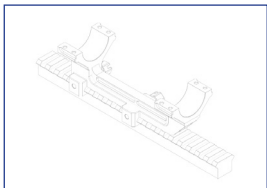
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MOUNTING WITH REGULAR SCOPE RINGS



1. Mount the correct scope rings or mount to the firearm's rail whether it's a Picatinny, Weaver, or Dovetail mounting interface. Follow the recommended procedures provided by the scope rings or mount manufacturer.

2. Remove the top halves of the scope rings and place the scope within its saddle.

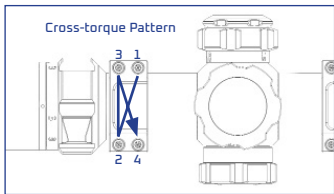
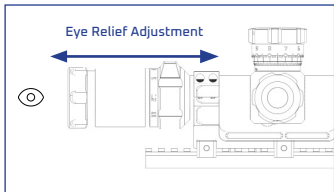
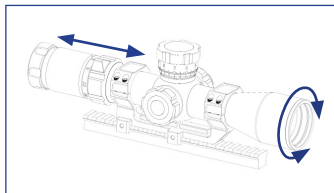


3. Reinstall the top halves with just enough torque to hold the scope in place, but still rotate along its axis and move forward and rearward in the saddle.

4. With a comfortable cheek weld and shooting posture, look through the scope and move it forward or backward within the saddle to adjust for eye relief. Once you can clearly see through the scope with bright and full sight picture and no peripheral “Black Ring”, proper eye relief is achieved. Repositioning the scope rings or mount on the firearm may be required in addition to the above to achieve proper eye relief.

5. Using a bubble leveler or other scope alignment tool or method, ensure the scope’s reticle alignment is not canted, but leveled with that of the firearm.

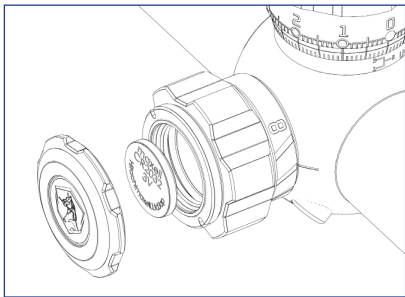
6. Secure the scope in place using a cross-torque pattern for the screws with proper correct torque value provided by the manufacturer.



OPERATION



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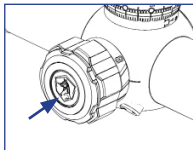
BATTERY INSTALLATION

Turn the outer-most cap counterclockwise to access the battery compartment. With the + side facing outward, insert the CR2032 battery into the battery compartment until it is fully seated and captured by the metallic contacts. Note that upon seating the battery and looking through the scope, reticle illumination will have turned on even without the battery cap reinstalled yet. The illumination will be in its default red color. This will confirm that the battery is seated properly prior to reinstalling the battery cap. Reinstall the battery cap until snug.

ILLUMINATION ADJUSTMENT

1. Powering On

To turn on reticle illumination, apply a single press to the left side illumination toggle. The reticle will illuminate red.



2. Adjusting Brightness Intensity

Upon activation, applying additional single presses will toggle the illumination through the 8 available brightness intensities. When the highest or lowest brightness intensity is reached, the reticle will blink four times, signaling that any additional presses will begin scaling the brightness intensity in the opposite direction.

3. Powering Off

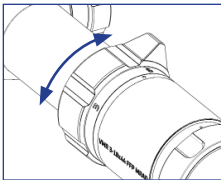
To turn off reticle illumination, simply press and hold the toggle for approximately 5 seconds or until the illumination shuts off. The intensity of the illumination setting will be remembered when the unit is powered back on.

4. Automatic Shutoff

Illumination will automatically shut off after 12 hours if left on. To turn illumination back on, simply press the illumination toggle once.

MAGNIFICATION ADJUSTMENT

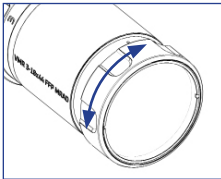
Adjust the magnification by rotating the power ring counterclockwise to zoom in and clockwise to zoom out.



DIOPTER ADJUSTMENT

The diopter adjustment ring is located at the ocular (rear) end of the scope. The wide range of the diopter allows the scope to be fine-tuned to the user's unique vision for optimized reticle clarity and sharp image quality.

To make adjustment, point the scope at a light-colored background to clearly view the reticle. While looking through the scope turn the ring clockwise or counterclockwise until the reticle appears clear and sharp. It's important to make adjustments incrementally each time with a fresh view of the reticle and before your eyes automatically adjust to the reticle over time.

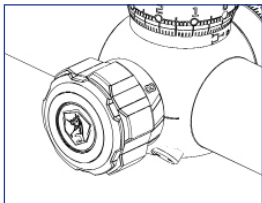


PARALLAX ADJUSTMENT TURRET

1. Rotate the left side parallax adjustment turret until the target image is sharp. Yardage indicators along the circumference of the turret serve as distance approximations (15 yards – Infinity) when in line with the witness mark.

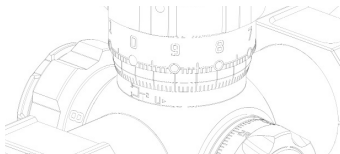
2. Check for parallax error by moving your head side to side while looking through the scope. When there is no apparent shift of the target image on the reticle, parallax adjustment is done. If you notice any shift, adjust the turret slightly until the shift is eliminated.

3. Parallax adjustment is distance specific. Adjustments are required as distance to the target changes.



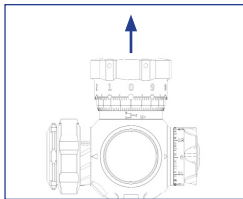
ZEROING YOUR SCOPE

Your VMR 3-18x44 uses 0.1 MRAD per click windage & elevation (W/E) turrets. The laser engraved letters and arrows (U = Up, R = Right) on the face of the turrets refer to directional change in point of impact (POI).



The elevation turret is zero lockable and resettable with the elevation turret featuring a ZERO-STOP which makes returning to your zero quick and effortless no matter the adjustments made in elevation. Simply turn the elevation turret down until stopped by a hard and tactile wall stopping you right at your zero.

Your scope comes with its elevation turret locked out of the box. Simply pull up to unlock and push down to lock the turret.



1. Zeroing Procedure

With the W/E turrets in the unlocked position, zero optic until your point-of-aim (POA) equals point-of-impact (POI) at your intended target distance.

If bore-sighting or getting on paper at a closer distance first, be sure to confirm your zero at your actual intended target distance after.

If when zeroing, you find the ZERO-STOP preventing you from adjusting POI downward in elevation, the ZERO-STOP will need to be adjusted.

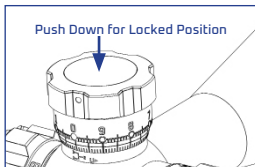
First, place the elevation turret into the locked position. Using the included 1.5 mm hex wrench, loosen the two set screws found along the circumference of the turret cap. Loosen the screws until the turret cap turns freely. Do not attempt to remove the screws completely.

Turn the turret cap COUNTERCLOCKWISE (upward direction) the amount of adjustment you think you will need. We recommend a full revolution which should give you plenty of room for adjustment.

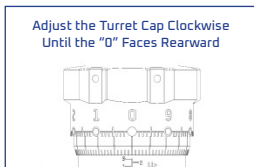
Hold the turret cap down securely in place while simultaneously retightening the two set screws to 8-10 inch pounds of torque. Do not overtighten. Continue zeroing your optic.

a. Resetting Elevation Zero Stop / Zero Indicator

After confirming your zero, place the elevation turret into the locked position. Use the included 1.5 mm hex wrench to loosen the two set screws found along the circumference of the turret cap. Loosen the set screws until the turret cap turns freely. Do not attempt to unscrew them further.



Turn the turret cap **CLOCKWISE** until you reach a hard stop. Your **ZERO-STOP** is now set with your "0" indicator. The "0" indicator should be facing rearward and align vertically with the vertical white witness mark found on the scope body.



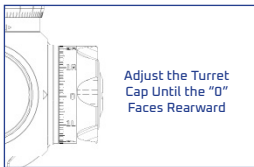
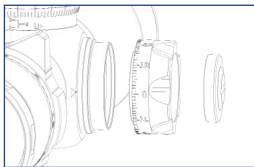
Hold the turret cap down securely in place while simultaneously tightening the two set screws to 8-10 inch pounds of torque. Do not overtighten.

b. Resetting Windage Zero Indicator

Loosen the cap on the turret until it can be removed.

Pull the turret knob off and reindex the 0 on the turret knob to the 0 mark on the scope body.

Once the zero marks are aligned, reassemble the turret by threading the cap through the turret knob to fix the assembly back onto the scope. Do not overtighten.



c. Quick Guide: Zeroing

1. Zero elevation and windage until your point of aim (POA) = point of impact (POI) at your intended target distance.

If bore-sighting or getting on paper at a closer distance first, be sure to confirm your zero at your actual intended target distance after.

2. After confirming zero, lock E adjustment turret by pushing them down.
3. Reset elevation "0" indicator. See instructions above.
4. Reset windage "0" indicator. See instructions above.
5. The scope zeroing procedure is now complete.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

LENSES: To clean lenses, remove any large particles with an optical lens brush. To remove fine particles, use the provided microfiber cloth. If the cloth becomes soiled, wash in lukewarm soapy water and leave to air dry. To further clean the lenses, you may use pure alcohol, high-grade glass cleaner, or distilled water on a cotton swab. To ensure long-lasting high performance, keep lens surfaces free of dirt, oil, grease, etc.

NOTE: To best protect the lenses, close the provided lens caps when the scope is not in use.

ADJUSTABLE FEATURES: When any adjustment turret is loosened, keep it free of any liquids, dirt, or dust debris.

SCOPE BODY: If dirt, dust, fingerprints, etc. accumulate on the scope body, simply wipe the body down with a clean dry cloth. Do not use the included microfiber cloth.

STORAGE: Store your scope in a well-ventilated, dry, and dark place. If the scope is wet, dry the scope prior to storage. If storing for an extended period of time, remove the battery from the scope.

WARRANTY

Colt Optics Lifetime Warranty Statement

Colt Optics stands behind the quality and performance of our optics and accessories. Each optic is backed by a Limited Lifetime Warranty covering mechanical and optical defects in materials and workmanship under normal use for the life of the product. If a covered defect is confirmed after inspection, we will, at our discretion, repair the product at no charge to the original purchaser, or replace it with the same or a comparable model at no charge.

Electronic Components

Integrated electronic components (illumination and control modules) are covered by a limited warranty of two (2) years for professional use and five (5) years for commercial use from the date of purchase, protecting against defects in materials

Warranty Exclusions

This warranty does not apply to or cover:

- Normal wear and tear
- Use with non-approved accessories, or component
- Intentional, accidental, deliberate, or cosmetic damage
- Misuse, abuse, negligence, or improper mounting
- Loss/theft, acts of God, normal wear
- Consumables (batteries/caps/covers)
- Unauthorized repairs, alterations, or disassembly beyond normal maintenance
- Removal, alteration, or destruction of the serial number

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