

KAHLES 8X42 BINOCULARS

Prices from

£675

£750

10x42

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Top Quality

Kahles make some fine telescopic sights, but have you considered their binoculars? **Pete Moore** suggests you take a look

When it comes to top end European binoculars most of us immediately think Swarovski, Leica or Zeiss. Doubtless fine makes as I would be the first to attest to, as I own examples from the first two companies. But let's not forget that Europe's oldest optical manufacturer Kahles also offers twin barrelled glass!

There are two models and both understated in terms of looks, the hunting standard 8x42 and for those wanting a bit more 10x42s. Size and shape is identical with the x10 showing a 3/4oz weight increase and a twilight factor of 20.5 as opposed to the x8s of 18.3.

Featherweight

My test set were the 8x42s with a rubber armour coating in Loden Green. What immediately struck me about these is their compact size and weight. Tipping the scale at 23.7oz they are only 5.5" long and 4.7" at wide maximum width. The build offers straight barrels with roof prisms with the bridge and sides showing raised gripping surfaces. Underneath they are shaped to offer good thumb support. In the hand they feel almost featherweight!

The layout goes for a deep and wide, centrally-positioned main focusing drum, with the primary focus adjuster on the right barrel. This is knurled and has a small lug and the body is marked - I +. What you do is pick a spot about 100-yards away and focus the right tube only. Once set up you then use the main drum for getting objects into range.

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Light, compact and effective

AGAINST

Not a thing

VERDICT

Superior European binos at good money

Sharp

As might be expected optical quality is reassuringly high, which I have come to expect from Kahles, as I have been using their scopes on my rifles for years. This was



Kahles 8x42 binos, if you're shopping for top quality hunting optics you are already there

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proven one evening as I had just shot a hare at 200-yards and it was getting dark. A brown animal laying in the edge of a brown stubble field takes some finding even in daylight and I was not sure exactly where it was but scanning around with the 8x42s soon located it. Long range ability is good and the Kahles compared equally as well to my Leica 8x56 BRFs.

Standard extras include separate objective covers that attach to the barrels so can't get lost. A small thing but near essential for hunting binos. At the

rear the usual, single eye piece cover, which loops through the strap, though this one is shaped for the eye cups that wrap around the sides of the socket.

On that point the eye cups screw out and in to suit those with normal eyesight as well as glasses wearers. Final items are a padded neck strap and a decent waterproof carry bag/belt pouch. Overall this is some excellent glass that will do the job in all lighting conditions and in today's financial climate a steal at the price.