

# t - Kel-Tec's RFB <sup>11</sup>

## Range Time

Not only is the RFB quick and handy for CQB work, it is fun to shoot and accurate beyond my expectations. From an accuracy standpoint, I actually handicapped the RFB during testing. I could find no sandbags to go with the rifle rest, leaving it more wobbly than normal. Thank goodness I at least bolted a Leupold Vari-X III 4.5 x15 to the top rail!

Despite an auspicious beginning, I was still able to squeak out a 100-yard, 1.19", three shot average for five loads. Hornady's 165 grain TAP Barrier's shots measured just a tad over 3/4". I predict the loads I tried from Black Hills, Corbon, and Federal would have done likewise with a better rest, rather than around 1.2" as they did.

Replacing the Leupold scope with an Aimpoint M4 and adding a Magpul MOE Vertical Grip (MVG), during two trips to the range, we fired quite a few rounds and everyone commented on handling, as well as the pleasant recoil. Quick follow-up shots seemed not too difficult. A single point fan, I added a Blue Force Gear single-point sling to the mix, using a Blue Force strap to attach it to the stock just behind the pistol grip.

The Aimpoint M4 worked great, as expected, but the supplied base was a problem. The knob on the base interfered somewhat with the charging handle unless I mounted the M4 just a little more forward than I prefer. Using something like the LaRue Tactical QD Mount for Aimpoint CompM4 would eliminate the problem.

I chose the MVG because it is relatively short and I felt a vertical grip or hand-stop would improve control and handling. It worked as intended but required jury rigging a short rail using the holes in the forend bottom. Kel-Tec offers a longer piece of rail specially designed just for that. If that had been on hand I would have chosen Magpul's Angled Fore Grip (AFG), which requires more rail

to use. The AFG allows a better grip, I believe, and I could have mounted something like the SureFire Scout light on the side of the forend using the short rail. My thumb would have been perfectly positioned to activate the Scout.

We only had two bobbles during all the rounds fired – an errant thumb that painfully stopped the reciprocating charging handle and me! The former just requires retraining to shoot with the thumb lowered or swapping the handle to the right side. The latter may not be curable!

During a string of fire, one shooter found the RFB failed to fully seat a round. After a few minutes the recalcitrant round was removed and I discovered, to my embarrassment, I had grabbed a loose .358 Winchester round off my shop bench and tossed it in with the .308!

Using a method suggested by firearms trainer Steve Moses, we tested the RFB's ejection system robustness by stuffing a portion of a cotton ball in the forward ejection chute. The power of the bolt returning pushed empty cases and cotton out easily.

Magazine changes, with the magazine well located near my chest, seemed a little awkward at first, but they smoothed out with practice. The fact that the FAL magazine has to be rocked in actually seemed to help.

## Last Shots

I found only one thing to change about the Kel-Tec RFB. I'd like to see them add holes on the side of the forend to allow attaching rail to mount a light, or they could make the rail integral.

That aside, I think the RFB is one of the most interesting and effective new offerings I have handled in quite a while! If Kel-Tec can get more of these rifles in the pipeline, I'd expect many folks interested in a handy carbine chambered for an effective caliber to jump on board. I can see it in the hands of citizens and law enforcement alike! I want to see it in my hands! **B**

## We READ Our Mail!

Hello, my name is Mike Pescetto. I just got done reading the article "The Worlds Largest Army" by Barrett Tillman and wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed it. I thought it was an interesting subject that brushes the back of most of our minds, but never gets discussed with so many interesting statistics. If anything, I think this reflects positively since this is the first time I've ever seen or read this publication. Especially since it's sandwiched in a shopping catalog. I appreciate the global outlook on this article and hope to see **The Blue Press** continue to publish cool articles like that! Tell Barrett I said good work! Mike Pescetto

I read with interest [Peter Caroline's] article in the November 2011 **The Blue Press** concerning the Kel-Tec PMR-30 pistol. I also waited a long time before finally receiving my pistol. It took nine months for the Kel-Tec .22 Mag. pistol to arrive and I looked forward to shooting it. Using the recommended CCI Magnum ammunition, the best shot group I could muster at 15 feet was one foot

left and nine inches low! The pistol felt great, had an easy trigger pull, and shot terribly!

I called Kel-Tec's Customer Service to ask what might be the problem and they said several of the pistols had defective barrels. I gave them the serial number of my pistol and received (free of charge) a new barrel in five days. Put the new barrel into the pistol and shot less than one-inch groups at 15 feet my next trip to the firing range! A vast improvement! I would recommend a call to the Kel-Tec folks down in Cocoa, FL and have the serial number handy for the pistol. It's quite possible the barrel is defective.

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Over the last several months, I have been experiencing a number of problems with my RL 550B casefeeder unit. Dillon's support has been endlessly patient with my questions. Some of the problems were very minor, requiring no more than close observation and a little bit of tinkering on my part, but that is immaterial.

When it mattered – DILLON SUPPORT ROCKS!

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