

# Field Tested RECOMMENDED BY MEMBERS

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**3,345** NAHC members tested products worth more than **\$49,772** for this issue! **Ratings:** 10-excellent, 5-average, 1-poor

## CHAMPION DURASEAL SPINNER TARGET

AVERAGE RATING: 8.1

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: EASE OF USE, VISIBILITY, PERFORMANCE

Champion's 5½-inch bright-orange spinning target features the revolutionary DuraSeal material, which is a non-metal, self-sealing target that lets bullets pass through with minimal damage. The self-sealing target absorbs damage from hundreds of rounds, from .17 Rem. to most large calibers, while still maintaining its shape. Positive hits will spin target upon impact. Contact Champion Targets at: (800) 635-7656; [championtarget.com](http://championtarget.com). (\$17.95)

**"I strongly recommend this product because it takes hundreds of hits and continues to keep its shape."**—MARIO TURSINI, PRATT, KS

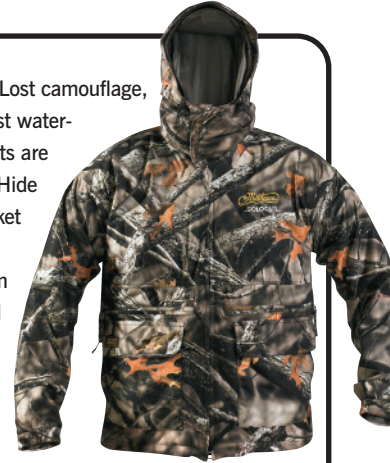
**"The target's self-sealing, durable material provides hours of shooting fun. And its high-visibility makes it easy to see."**—BRUCE DONALDSON, THOMPSON FALLS, MT

## GAMEHIDE CONQUEST JACKET AND PANTS

AVERAGE RATING: 9.2

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: QUALITY, COMFORT, DURABILITY

Featuring Mathews' Lost camouflage, Gamehide's Conquest waterproof jacket and pants are constructed of HushHide quiet fabric. The jacket features Freedom Sleeves for maximum maneuverability, and both garments feature AirFlow ventilation system, ATB 100 Silver-Ion Technology to block human odor, and they pack into their own pockets. Contact Gamehide at: (888) 267-3591; [gamehide.com](http://gamehide.com). (\$119.95/jacket, \$99.95/pants)



**"This rainwear gives me a great range of motion while being extremely quiet and comfortable."**—STEVE NUGENT, MINNETONKA, MN

**"Gamehide's waterproof material is very comfortable and is excellent for all weather conditions."**—BRIAN SCHILTZ, MUKWONAGO, WI

## EXCALIBUR IBEX CROSSBOW PACKAGE

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: PERFORMANCE, DESIGN, EASE OF USE

AVERAGE RATING: 9.8

The compact and lightweight IbeX crossbow features a thumb-hole stock and a 175-pound draw weight that shoots a 350-grain arrow more than 305 fps with precision and minimal recoil. The Lite-Stuff accessory package includes: a multi-range, multiplex scope with mounting rings and base; four carbon arrows with field points; quiver with bracket; and rope cocking aid. Contact Excalibur Crossbow Inc. at: (800) 463-1817; [excaliburcrossbow.com](http://excaliburcrossbow.com). (\$820)

**"I like the fact I can shoot this crossbow left- or right-handed; it's a major plus when sharing the crossbow with my son."**—STEVE HUGHES, BETTENDORF, IA

**"This crossbow was very easy to set up using the excellent step-by-step instructional DVD. The best features are the ease-of-assembly and accuracy."**—DAN MOON, YORK, ON, CANADA

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## NO-RUST SHIELD 3-IN-ONE

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: EASE OF USE, DESIGN, EFFECTIVENESS

AVERAGE RATING: 8.3

No-Rust Shield protects your valuables against rust and corrosion to keep your equipment and tools in like-new condition. It's three-in-one, odorless Vapor Phase Corrosion Inhibitor (VpCi) formula safely protects metal from moisture in enclosed spaces for up to 90 days, and it features a convenient time strip that lets you know when to replace it. Contact No-Rust Shield at: (888) 324-7596; [norustshield.com](http://norustshield.com). (\$3.99)

"I was having surface rust problems on my compound bow accessories, but since using No-Rust Shield in my case, I've had no rust!"—DAVID CHRISTIANSEN, SPOKANE, WA

"Sometimes it takes few days before I clean my firearm after a hunt, and this product offers protection in the meantime."—BILL CATRON, MOUNT CARMEL, TN



## MAGNETIC GUN CADDY

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: EASE OF USE, PERFORMANCE, QUALITY

AVERAGE RATING: 8.3

This product provides a smart and safe way to rest a gun when you're heading to or returning from the field. Its powerful back-end magnet mounts on any metal, including vehicles. Its strong, flexible foam grip holds a large variety of different-sized firearm barrels, and the lightweight caddy fits easily in a pocket or storage compartment. Contact SpecTech Inc. at: (866) 226-9123; [magnetguncaddy.com](http://magnetguncaddy.com). (\$9.99)

"The Gun Caddy is easy to use—from rifles to shotguns—and I even used it to hold a flashlight under the truck while working in the dark."—KEN SUHR, FAYETTEVILLE, NC

"The Magnetic Gun Caddy provided a perfect place to rest my firearm when I'm unloading or loading my vehicle."—JORDAN HARRIS, MARNE, MI



## CRKT GUPPIE MULTI-TOOL

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: VERSATILITY, QUALITY, DURABILITY

AVERAGE RATING: 8.0

The Guppie multi-tool has a carabiner design that makes it perfect for backpacks or belt loops, and it features an adjustable wrench that opens to ½-inch for a wide assortment of duties. The Guppie also includes a high-carbon stainless-steel knife, screwdriver, bottle opener and removable bit carrier with LED light. Contact Columbia River Knife and Tool at: (800) 891-3100; [crkt.com](http://crkt.com). (\$39.99)

"This is a very versatile tool that's easy to carry and extremely useful to any sportsman."—CLAYTON HEWES, CANTON, NY

"The Guppie is a handy tool with good functionality for odd jobs; it's always with me."—GEORGE AUCAMP, GILBERT, AZ



## REMINGTON TRAIL STEAKS

AVERAGE RATING: 8.3

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: FLAVOR, APPEARANCE, QUALITY

Sweet 'N Spicy Smoked-Beef Trail Steaks are moist and tender jerky packs that are lightly basted with a sweet-yet-spicy flavor. These premium snacks don't need refrigeration, so you can pack them for long outdoor adventures. Other flavors include smoked buffalo, blazin' hot beef and cherry maple-smoked turkey. Contact Trail Steaks at: (877) 875-3759; [trailsteaks.com](http://trailsteaks.com). (\$4.99/2.88 ounces)

"Trail Steaks have an appealing color and tasty blend of spices, but best of all they're very flavorful and moist."—MEREEN ROBINSON, AUBURN, ME

"I like the thick chunks of moist steak with a little bit of a kick. I was happy to have them with me to enjoy at deer camp."—GEORGE TOW, SAINT LOUIS, MO



## WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER HOT BUCK SCENT

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: EASE OF USE, QUALITY, ATTRACTION

AVERAGE RATING: 8.4

Wildlife Research Center's Hot Buck Scent uses a breakthrough formula to attract mature white-tailed bucks. It's extremely effective before and during the rut when used on a scent wick. The 1-ounce bottle comes with a 100 percent money-back guarantee. Contact Wildlife Research Center at: (800) 873-5873; [wildlife.com](http://wildlife.com). (\$7.99)

"I used Hot Buck as a cover scent and attractant, and it worked for both bucks and does. I managed to take a very big doe that came to sniff my scent wicks."—ANDREW FOX, MECHANICSVILLE, MD

"I witnessed a strong and positive deer reaction to this scent; it drove them crazy."—CHRIS RENO, DALLAS, TX

## RIBSTICK FIELD-DRESSING TOOL

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: DURABILITY, QUALITY, EASE OF USE

AVERAGE RATING: 7.3



This lightweight and adjustable ribcage spreader makes field dressing game and cooling meat easy. Made from PVC and glass-filled polypropylene, the device features sprockets at each end for a secure grip and a push-pin extension that locks securely into place at the length you need. Contact Ribstick Inc. at: (763) 486-9656; [ribstickhunter.com](http://ribstickhunter.com). (\$18.95)

"The Ribstick is an excellent tool for field dressing big game and keeping the chest cavity open, and it also helps cool the carcass."—JOHN MELANSON, ALEXANDRIA, VA

"The Ribstick does an excellent job gripping and holding the ribcage without slipping. It's also easy to adjust to different sizes and easy to clean."—JERRY KEITH, WAKE FOREST, NC

## IRISH SETTER COLDWATER JACKET

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: QUALITY, COMFORT, PERFORMANCE

AVERAGE RATING: 8.4

This reversible and packable jacket converts from a windproof shell to a stylish fleece, and can be packed into its own storage pouch. It features two front pockets, a zip-up cowl collar and an adjustable shock-cord hem to shut out cold air. The jacket is available in sizes medium through 3XL. Contact Irish Setter Apparel at: (800) 665-3369; [info@richlu.com](mailto:info@richlu.com). (\$89.99)

"This jacket folds nicely into its own large pocket for easy storage."—RAY SCHAFF, COURTENAY, BC, CANADA

"Performance, quality and design of this jacket are all excellent."—KEITH GAUTHIER, CALGARY, AB



## AFTERBITE OUTDOOR COMBO PACK

AVERAGE RATING: 8.0

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: QUALITY, SIZE, PAIN RELIEF

AfterBite Itch Eraser provides instant relief from insect bites and stings. The combo pack contains two 0.7-ounce tubes of AfterBite Kids, a gentle non-stinging cream, and AfterBite Outdoor, an extra-strength gel. Both formulas provide long-term relief from pain and itching. Contact Tender Corp. at: (800) 258-4696; [theitcheraser.com](http://theitcheraser.com). (\$5.99)



"AfterBite's tube applicator is easy to use and works great."—MIKE HUTCHKO, WARRENSBURG, MO

"AfterBite provides excellent pain relief. It's very fast-acting."—WALT SCHOENFISH, PARKSTON, SD

## SCHRADE EXTREME SURVIVAL KNIFE

AVERAGE RATING: 7.9

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: QUALITY, APPEARANCE, SHARPNESS OF BLADE

Schrade's SCHF1 Extreme Survival knife is made of 440C gray steel and features a built-in tool-bit kit stored in its waterproof handle. The fixed-blade knife is 12¾ inches long with a 7½-inch ComboEdge blade. It comes with a lanyard and black nylon sheath. Contact Schrade Knives at: (800) 251-0254; [taylorbrandsllc.com](http://taylorbrandsllc.com). (\$89.99)

"The thick blade held up to some rugged abuse while maintaining a sharp edge, and the serrated section of the blade is excellent for cutting heavy rope and other items."—RODNEY MILLER, SANFORD, MI

"It's a very solid knife and the hidden tool set stored in the handle is an excellent feature. I will always include this knife with my camping gear."—BRENT MEISTER, MOUNT HOREB, WI

