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4 TOUGH Shots

THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

YOU CALL THE SHOTS
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FOR THE CONTEST WINNER!

BEAT BUCK FEVER
MIND OVER MATTER WITH TOM MIRANDA

LONE STAR ARCHERY
EXOTICS AXIS DEER
AIN'T EASY

CHERNOBYL RAM
THE YUKON'S STRANGEST SHEEP

RELEASE THE HOUNDS!
DOGGIN' BLACK BEARS IN IDAHO'S HIGH COUNTRY



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Field Tested

RECOMMENDED BY MEMBERS

by Tony Stokes—Product Test Editor

1,491 NAHC members tested products worth more than **\$65,483** for this issue! Ratings: 10-excellent, 5-average, 1-poor

LACROSSE ALPHA MUDLITE BOOTS

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: APPEARANCE, PERFORMANCE, QUALITY
AVERAGE RATING: 8.6

The Alpha Mudlite series is a 100 percent waterproof boot designed to keep your feet dry and comfortable in wet, muddy conditions. The lightweight boots feature Ankle-Fit technology for a secure fit, and the rubber-over-neoprene design insulates and stretches for easy on and off. Built-in antimicrobial lining encourages maximum air circulation and breathability on all 14- and 18-inch styles. Contact LaCrosse Footwear at: (800) 323-2668; lacrossefootwear.com. (\$130)

"These boots are the best I've ever worn. They're exceptionally comfortable, lightweight and durable."—COLEMAN DUVALL/GREENSBORO, GA

"The boots look fantastic, and I like the shin guard, too. They're easy to get on and off, and flexible around the leg and ankle, providing good comfort."—ANTHONY HOWELL/ROBINS AFB, GA



THERMACELL MOSQUITO REPELLENT APPLIANCE

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: QUALITY, PERFORMANCE, EFFECTIVENESS
AVERAGE RATING: 9.0

The ThermaCELL Mosquito Repellent Appliance features an ergonomic handle for easy transport and a quiet on/off button for silence in the outdoors. It operates on a single butane cartridge that heats a mat, creating a 15- by 15-foot zone of protection from mosquitoes and other biting insects. Available in olive or Realtree APG camo, the appliance weighs 7.1 ounces and can easily clip onto your belt or backpack. Contact ThermaCELL at: (866) 753-3837; thermacell.com. (\$23.99/olive; \$29.99/Realtree)

"I consider the ThermaCELL one of my most important hunting accessories. Now I don't have to use smelly DEET sprays."—STANTON STOUT/MONROE, GA

"I tested the ThermaCELL while bear hunting in Canada and Alaska, and while deer hunting in South Carolina's low country. Five minutes after activating the bugs are gone, and no bear or deer could hear or smell it. It's a must-have for the outdoorsman."—CHRIS FULCHER/ERIN, TN



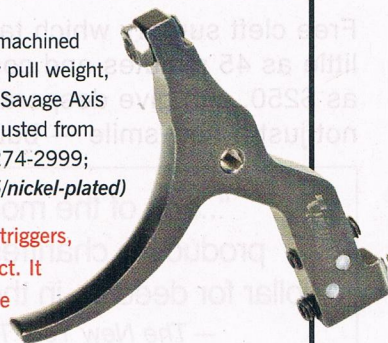
TIMNEY REPLACEMENT TRIGGER

TOP RATED CATEGORIES: PERFORMANCE, QUALITY, EFFECTIVENESS
AVERAGE RATING: 9.3

The new Timney Axis/Edge trigger (Model 633) is machined from case-hardened steel and is fully adjustable for pull weight, creep and over-travel. Designed specifically for the Savage Axis and Edge rifles, the trigger's pull weight can be adjusted from 1½-4 pounds. Contact Timney Triggers at: (602) 274-2999; timneytriggers.com. (\$104.95/standard; \$114.95/nickel-plated)

"Timney has always been a top manufacturer of triggers, and they kept the tradition going with this product. It offered a smooth and even pull, allowing for more accurate shot placement."—WILL JONES/AZTEC, NM

"My son is a pretty good shot at the range, and after installing the Savage Axis/Edge Trigger, his accuracy improved dramatically. We love the fact the trigger pull is field adjustable. The Savage is straight shooting out of the box, but this trigger makes even the novice shooter group shots like a pro."—SIDNEY ROLIN/CENTURY, FL



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