

The EOTech holosight, fast and easy to use, benefits from the 3X Magnifier.



**A** The gas regulator housing is mounted to the front of the SCAR and contains the short-stroke gas piston. **B** FN uses a proprietary hooded folding front sight mounted atop the Gas Regulator housing. **C** FN's proprietary windage and elevation adjustable rear sight folds flat for the use of optics. **D** The SCAR features a side-folding stock, adjustable for length of pull and cheek weld.


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# THE FNH SCAR

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**M**ost new weapons systems are a product of a sometimes bloated and often over-budget military procurement system. The Fabrique Nationale Herstal SCAR is not one of them. This gun was designed, engineered, built and tested by FNH USA and only then submitted for competition to USSOCOM. It wasn't one of those projects that takes on a life of its own and a lot of our money.



USSOCOM needed a new battle rifle. It had to be simple to use and require little if no difficult transition for the end user. The end-users in this case are Special Operations soldiers.

You could say the military has been through weapon systems transition before. The transition from the M1 Garand to the M14 was a piece of cake. But, transitioning from M14 to the M16 was an absolute nightmare.

In this case, special attention was paid to keep some of the valuable ergonomics, sighting systems, ammo and magazines of the familiar M4 weapon systems while creating a completely new gun. That's no small task. FN's SCAR rifles are not based on any previous weapon. They're designed from scratch.

The gun is gas operated with a short-stroke piston action and rotating locking bolt. The bolt system is similar to the one used in FN's M249 SAW machine gun. Its operation is less sensitive to a fouled receiver, fine sand or dust. The receiver module is two parts: an upper constructed from extruded aluminum alloy and a polymer lower connected with two cross-pins.

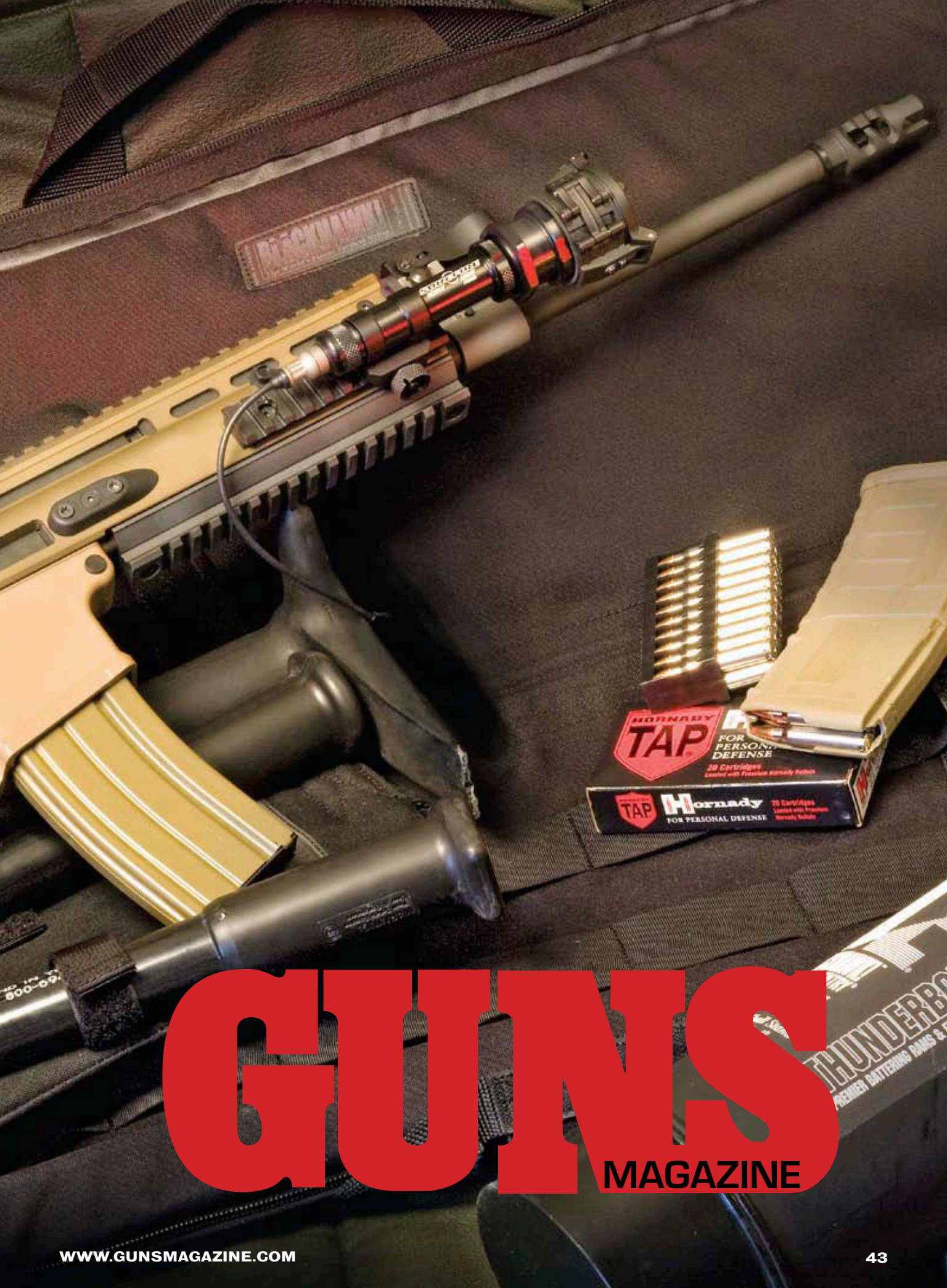
The civilian legal, semi-auto-only version of the US Special Operations Command's newest service rifle is chambered in 5.56x45mm NATO, which accommodates .223 Remington. A 7.62x51mm NATO (.308 Winchester) version is said to be available as well—although I haven't seen one yet. The SCAR 16S (5.56) and 17S (7.62) feature free-floating, cold hammer-forged

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