

The CED 7000 can be attached to a wrist strap, which enables you to time others in competition or yourself during training sessions.



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you
ready?**

David Thompson gives the lowdown on the CED 7000 shot timer

Knowing how long it takes to draw and fire shots, reload, clear jams and move between firing positions is important if you are trying to measure your current ability and expand your gun handling skills. This knowledge is crucial in the world of competitive target shooting.

The arena of International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) competitive shooting gave rise to the need for a timer that could both give the competitor an electronic beep as a signal to start the course, and accurately measure the time taken to complete a course of fire.

The first shot timers were like the first mobile phones, the same shape as a house brick. Progress in technology has seen them shrink in size. Top IPSC competitor Saul Kirsch had been working on the idea of developing an advanced, inexpensive and small shot timer. He started to develop his ideas into a prototype, but the production set-up costs were prohibitive. During a chance meeting with Competitive Edge Dynamic's (CED) owner Charles Hardy, a surprising fact came to light. CED was also developing a new compact timer. Combining Saul's experience and knowledge of IPSC shooting sports and CED's extensive capabilities and resources in electronic production, they combined their ideas and visions for a new shot timer. The result was the CED 7000.

Timer capabilities

The CED is the smallest, most compact and lightweight timer on the market. Weighing in at 80 grams, it measures 100x47x18.5mm. Its basic function is to record the time it takes a competitor to complete a stage in an IPSC practical pistol competition. When switched on, a three-second countdown timer starts (which can be altered to give a fixed or random start time). Once the countdown reaches zero a beep gives the shooter a cue to start the stage. Each shot fired is recorded by the timer, until the shooter completes the stage. The number of shots fired and the split times between shots can be examined on the LCD screen by pressing the 'review' button.

As well as timing competitions the 7000 can be used for training purposes in target shooting, law enforcement or by military units. The memory storage enables the information to be reviewed and, if need be, recorded at a later stage. The 7000 can also be used as a stopwatch or even an alarm clock. You can use it in a silent mode to record the time other people take to complete a course of fire. A time and date function can also be set up. The menu button reveals the range of functions that the timer can perform.

Timer accessories

As the 7000 will be both rained on and occasionally dropped, a protective silicon skin is available in a variety of colours, which makes it easier to grip. The 7000 can be strapped to your wrist with a wristband.

The retractable neck lanyard allows you to extend the timer towards the shooter and then allow it to retract back when you are scoring and patching.

The custom case allows the timer and all accessories to be carried in one package. You can attach it to yourself by means of a D-link or belt loop.

Battery charger

Each 7000 comes with a mains charger. A vehicle charger, which can be plugged into your car cigarette lighter, is also available. Do not, under any circumstances, be tempted to use your mobile phone mains or car charger, as this will cause irreparable damage.

While attending IPSC competitive events I have noticed that the CED 7000 is becoming far more common in the competition circuit, and for good reason.

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