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Dear Double-Alpha Members and Subscribers,

It is with great pleasure I send you this, our very first **Double-Alpha Zone** magazine.

In the past years, we were in the habit of sending out newsletters, to inform our members of new products, and new projects on the way, but we have decided it is time to do more!

Our intention is to make this a bi-monthly magazine, and each issue will include articles of interest, interviews – either in printed or audio format as well as video clips, match reports, special offers and more. Our vision is to expand this as we go, and possibly turn it into a kind of “digital practical shooting magazine”.

It’s a big undertaking – and we need your help! I’d like to ask anyone who wishes to contribute to send us articles, video clips, match reports – product reviews – anything you feel that would be interesting to our readers. Our mailing list includes several thousand IPSC shooters from around the world, so your story would be read literally in every nation that shoots IPSC. Don’t worry if your writing is not in perfect English – we will re-polish it, send it back to you for approval, and then use it in one of our future issues. With your help – we can make this into a success!

Match directors – you can use this platform to promote your competition – contact us for more information.

We welcome your comments and feedback on this new idea – and encourage you to forward this to all your shooting friends. To receive it directly, create an account on the doublealpha.biz website, and leave the “receive newsletter” selected.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and all the best for the new year.

On behalf of the DAA Team I wish you Excellent Shooting!

Yours sincerely,
Saul Kirsch.

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2010 EHC Champion, JC Jamie Diaz

□ - David Thompson (www.practicalhandgun.com) and Eli Huttner, DAA

At the 2010 European Handgun Championships in Belgrade, Serbia, Juan Carlos Jamie Diaz (universally known as JC) achieved his 2010 European's Standard Division win. At the conclusion of the match I took the opportunity to talk to JC about his shooting career and his preparation for the 2010 EHC.

Hi Jaime, I would like to congratulate you on your EHC 2010 win in Standard Division. I am sure it feels very good! Take us through your preparation for the match from the early days of the season.

I'm very happy! It's been a tough year but fortunately it has been very rewarding. The IPSC season training started in February, shooting twice a week, usually Tuesdays and Thursdays. Also I combined this with three sessions of dry firing. In late April, early May I added one more shooting session per week, provided the rest of my work commitments would permit me. I like to go to the range having previously prepared the training that I will do that day. I do not do the same drills every week. Normally I train for about 3 ½ hours per session on the range.

With 20 days to the European Championships, I took a vacation from work to go to the range and practice everyday, thus completing the last phase of my preparation for the Euro

Standard Division, I have always competed in Standard.

What equipment did you start out with?

My first competition pistol was a Llama in .45 ACP and, in 1999, cost me 550 Euros. I won my first National Championship with this pistol in 2000.

When did you start competing on the IPSC match circuit?

I started competing in the Spanish IPSC national circuit in 2000. My first big international competition was the 2001 European Handgun Championship, in Germany. In my first two years I won the Spanish Championship and came second at the Europeans, both in Standard Division.

You have been winning the top European matches this season. What were your expectations when you came to the EHC 2010?

At the beginning of the season I thought that to be among the top three places in each match would be a good result, but I knew that I had the ability to win. I have worked very hard during the year, and had the confidence that I could win the EHC.

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peans. I have been gradually increasing the intensity of the sessions and increased the round count to 500 rounds per session.

Going back to the start of your shooting career when did you start competing in IPSC and in which IPSC Division?

About 12 years ago, when I left the Police Academy.

of physical and mental coaching and training and was positively thinking about winning the EHC.

Take us through your stage preparation process, from start to finish.

I try to learn the stage before receiving the briefing. I take this opportunity to see how the...

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shooters in the squad ahead of us shoot it, memorised the positions and the number of shots from each position, where I will make a magazine change etc. After the briefing, with the rest of my squad, I access how to shoot the stage from a technical standpoint and how can I maximise performance according to my skills. Access the possibilities to shoot on the move, the exact area to which I will shoot at each target if there are no shoots.

I try to memorise the rates of fire, depending on the distance to each target etc. Finally when the time briefing ends, I withdraw from the stage and start my mental views and rehearsals. Just before the shooter in front of me is on the line, I run the drill in my head again, get up and do some exercises to activate my body and mind, I walk onto the line ready to go and then you just have to wait for the beep! At this stage I let it all out instinctively.

We all know that the right equipment is important to winning a match. What kind of gear do you use, such as pistol, holster and magazines?

I compete with a STI Edge model. I have 100% trust in my pistol; it has never has failed me. For me the most important thing is the quality of my pistol; its operation is always perfect and I have my full trust in it.

My magazines are also STI, with Grams springs. Like my Edge they function perfectly. I also utilise magazines by CR Speed. They hold 18 cartridges and work perfectly. With these magazines I also use Grams springs. I use the Double Alpha Race Master holster, magazine pouches and competition belt.

Can you list your sponsors?

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What were your impressions of Belgrade?

The old part of Belgrade City is a beautiful city and was a very interesting place to visit.

I can agree with your impressions of Belgrade. Likewise I did not know what to expect, but I was very surprised by the city and the friendliness of the Serbian people. How was the stage design and match organisation as seen from your perspective?

Excellent! Everything has been perfectly organised. The design of the stages has been very impressive in the way that they have set them in the style of medieval battles. The organisers have taken care of designing and setting up the stages. I was impressed that they laid a grass lawn on the ground of every stage!

The competition has been very well well-proportioned. Static and moving targets, long and short distances. Poppers and plates, difficult positions from the outset, windows doors; it was all here! They have set a very high bar for the organisers of the 2013 Europeans to follow!

Which stage did you shoot best at the EHC?

The stage I shot best was Stage 21 of the European Championship. I shot 32 alphas in 18.79 seconds.

Competitive Edge Dynamics



Name three things you dislike at IPSC matches?

- Traps.
- The problems with the ammunition at airports.
- Cold weather conditions.

When things go bad in a match how do you get back in the game?

I try to downplay my mistakes and forget about them. Everyone makes mistakes, I know that! I try to keep in mind all the hard training I have done in the months and weeks leading up to the match and keep fighting hard until the end of the match.

Did you make any mistakes at the EHC, or did every stage go smoothly for you?

Ha ha ha! Great if that is what it seemed to you! In competition everyone is nervous, above all in the last stages of the match. When the nerves appear, I think that I am very well mentally prepared; that I have worked very hard and that all is going to leave well. But it is true that the nerves accompany you always. You have to be been accustomed to shoot with them. Therefore I try to simulate stressful situations in my match training.

Are you planning to run any shooting courses and / or do more IPSC related projects on your web site?

In principle nothing new, as what you have asked is currently happening. I am already giving IPSC courses in Spain and I will continue to do so. Right now I prefer to rest

How important is the mental game in IPSC?

For me the mental preparation is 80% of my results. A good IPSC competitor needs the following attributes in a match:-

A positive attitude.
Confidence.
A good level of relaxation / activation.
Concentration and control of distractions.
And also to have fun!

Setting goals is important. Have you set a new shooting goal(s) for yourself yet?

Ha ha, I agree! Actually I have several, but if you ask me the most important is to win Standard Division

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It has been a quite stable competition for me. I did not make any large errors. I had one miss in the match, on a swinging target. Otherwise I was very pleased with my form during this competition.

My two most important errors were committed on the last day of the match. I accidentally dumped the magazine from the pistol and this cost me several seconds. In another stage I went back to fire another shot on a target thinking that had scored a miss. Upon finishing the stage, I checked the target and the one hole was actually two shots overlapping, which cost me several more seconds.

Top level competition nerves can often give shooters problems. Every time I seen you and talked to you, you seemed very relaxed.

a little and to charge my batteries for the next year, as 2011 is going to be very hard. I want to train more than this year to be well prepared for the World Shoot.

Do you plan to stay in Standard Division or would you shift to another division?

I prefer to shoot in Standard Division. I like watching Open Division competitors, because the guns are very fast, but I believe that I will always compete in Standard Division.

How did you celebrate your EHC 2010 win?

With a big party (LOL!), just kidding! I am very discreet, and it's hard enough to express my emotions in public, but this time I have to admit that once I made aware of the outcome, which by the way my wife Noemi was the first to tell me, I got so excited and we hugged.

at the next IPSC World Championship. For that, I will make an effort next season far more than the efforts leading up to this Europeans.

You joined the STI European Team in 2009. What is the best part / what do you enjoy about being part of the STI European Team?

The best part of being a member of the STI European Team for me has been getting to know the members of the team. Besides being excellent competitors, they are charming people. I have been able to learn a lot from all of them. Since I arrived at the team, if I have a problem that seems to be insurmountable, the rest of the team have always gave me as much help as I need. Also Pauletta and David of STI are excellent people and very loving with me and with Noemí, my wife. 🇦🇷



Watch-out Eric, KC is behind you...

At the age of 22, KC Eusebio is one of the top IPSC shooters in the world. He has won his first World Speed Shoot championship when he was only 15 years old, runner up in Bali, Indonesia and this year he won the USPSA Nationals ahead of top shooters like Max Michel, JJ Racaza, Chris Tilley and many others.

KC is arguably the fastest shooter in our generation, very few can match his shooting and moving speed and when he is on top of his game, he is unstoppable! The big question now is - can he beat Eric at the 2011 World-Shoot in Greece?! KC will give his best shot and is fully dedicated to get the job done!!

We caught up with KC on a DAA Phone-In interview to hear first hand about his 2010 USPSA season and his World-Shoot ambitions and training preparation.

“...I feel I am evolving into stronger shooter and I think I can give Eric a run for his money next year...”

It is Saturday morning, how do you spend you weekend?

Just coming out of the gym, I try to work out 6 days a week, Sunday is my rest day so I always try to stay in shape.

KC, tell us a bit about yourself and how you got to IPSC.

I started shooting at the age of 8. My father got me into shooting, he was a shooter himself. I grew up basically on the shooting range, my parents had to stop me from putting brass in my mouth when I was young so it is almost like destiny. At the age of 8 I was dry firing and shooting weekend matches. At the age of 10 I became USPSA master and by the age of 12 I was USPSA Grand-Master.

When I was 15, I won the World Speed Shooting Championships (Steel Challenge), I was the youngest ever so I broke that record. I joined the army when I left high-school at the age of 18 and I shot for the US Army Marksmanship Unit along with Max Michel, Travis Tomasie and won the same year the Steel Challenge again.

I was the runner up in the last World Shoot in Bali (2008) and I won this year for the very first time the USPSA Nationals in Open Division. I am still young, I want to make it big.

Winning the USPSA Nationals must be very special.

Oh, this is very special. It is really challenging you know, because the caliber of shooters here in the US is really high.

The top caliber shooters are some of the best, you got Max, JJ, Chris and others and have a win over them on the US Nationals is a huge for me, it has been one of my dreams.

Max Michel has dominated the 2010 USPSA season with wining all the Area Matches so you must have been on top form to beat him at the Nationals.

Yeah, I was very on top of my game. The first day my ammo did not show up so it was a bit nerve racking because you are sitting there and want to shoot but your ammo is not there so the first day I had to sit out and in the second the I had to play catch-up to shoot 6 extra stages - it has been very tiring mentally and physically. Max was on top of his game. I only shot against him twice this year at the Area Matches unfortunately. I have a full time job and did not have the time to

shoot all the matches like he did. I wish I could have shot more against him...

How does it feel beating Max, JJ, Chris and the rest of the top shooters?

You know what, I have been shooting with them for years now and I my luck at the Nationals was not great so far. I always had one problem or another. At the 2009 US Nationals I had a big jam on the first day which lost me 50 points. Had I not had that jam, I

would of came our 40 points on top and win the match but you know, this happen, it wasn't my time.

Flawless gear is a key success factor. What equipment are you using and who are your sponsors?

Right now I am using Caspian Arms, Johnny Lim is my gunsmith and does everything for me. I shoot .38Super Comp made by Danny at Atlanta Arms.

What do you think are the differences between IPSC and USPSA or in other words, shooting in the US and in Europe?

I don't think IPSC and USPSA are any different really. I enjoy the IPSC format, it is more challenging I would say - on some stages you have some tight shots, 35-40 yard shots with some no-shoots.

It is all challenging and you must take it as it comes, nothing to complain about it. It is all part of the game.

The next big thing is the World Shoot and you know, of course Eric is the best shooter in the world at the moment and I just hope I can compete against him.

Someone has to beat him sooner or later...

I am lucky he is getting older (laughs...). This year and next I plan to shoot a little bit more production trying to get my points better, I feel the Bi-anchi Cup helped quite a bit.

Last year was the first time I shot it and I think it helped

my trigger control. I am known for my speed but can improve on trigger control. I have a good foot movement, target transitions but the big thing I work on now is trigger control.

Shooting good points is a key factor in winning against Eric.

Yeah, exactly. I know a lot of shooters in Europe are very very point oriented such as Eric, Saul and others. It is not always blazing speed so you have to take the time and make that crucial shot when needed.

How do you plan to prepare for the World Shoot?

I'll try to shoot as much as possible, be on the range whenever I can. As I said, I'll focus on trigger control - that is my number one goal at the moment. I feel that I move faster than everybody, I am a small guy with little mass to move. I'll make sure I am mentally prepared as well.

How do you plan to be mentally ready?

Before I go to bed every night I picture what I need to do, I'll set up scenarios and go through them. Throughout the day is basically the same thing, I'll think about shooting and go through the emotions of what I need to see through the sights and what I need to feel in my trigger finger.

I also try to stay fit too so you know you are not out of shape.

You shot with Eric before, what do you think you'll need to do to come on top next time?

Consistency that is the key! Eric shoots amazing, he outpoints everybody and never makes a mistake! As every year comes by, I feel I am evolving into a stronger shooter and I think I can give him a run for his money next year.



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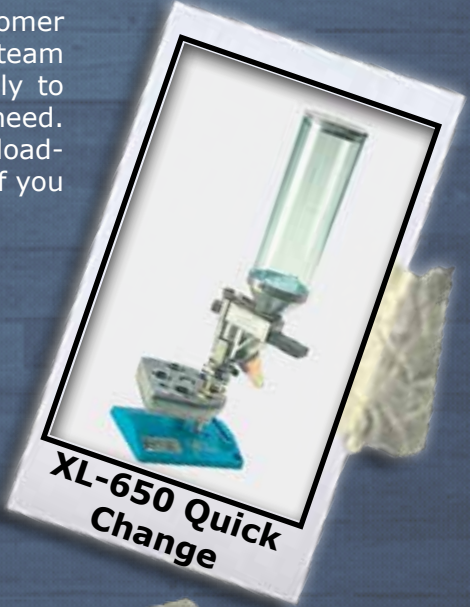
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PRACTICE TIME!

□ - Saul Kirsch, Double-Alpha Academy

This section is all about practice. In each issue, I will write about an aspect of training correctly, and hopefully this will contribute to improving your shooting skills. And in this issue - let's talk about the quality of your practice.

A wise instructor once said: "You can gain 3 years of experience in 1 year of training, or 1 year of experience in 3 years of training - it all depends on how much you experience your training".

I've always liked that, and I find it to be very true indeed. How much you gain and improve from your practice sessions has less to do with how much time and ammo you spend and more to do with your mental focus and the attention you pay to the quality of that practice.

So many shooters in our sport are in it only for the fun. For the love of the firearms, the dynamics of the fast shooting and socializing with their fellow shooters. They see their range time as entertainment and fun, and all that is well and good. But it is not professional and it is certainly not the fast track to match success!

If you are serious about making good progress with your shooting, improving from month to month and from season to season, you really need to try and maximize the benefits you gain from each practice session. Here are a few valuable guide lines to follow:

Always train with attention on accuracy and the quality of your shooting

You should constantly be aware that what you are doing in practice is building subconscious skills through repetition. Nothing more, nothing less. These subconscious skills are what kick into action when the timer goes BEEP in the match. What you want, what you think no longer matter. What you will do is what you have trained to do. If you have practiced to look for accuracy and visual control on every shot you fire - than that will be there for you under pressure in a match.

Reinforce the good, and don't dwell on the bad

Building a strong and positive self image is so very important to becoming good at anything! When you expect to do well - you do. When you expect to fail - chances are you will.

When you practice, don't berate yourself too much about the things you are not doing well yet. Rather go away feeling good and reinforcing those things you did well. That will help you to maintain a positive and strong attitude about your shooting and your progress, and that is valuable. Stay away from negative talk.

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Be careful whom you train with

You should do your very best to train along side the best shooters you can. Of course this can sometimes be difficult, but the benefits are very real.

One tends to progress based on expectations. If you are surrounded by shooters who can draw in 1 second - then 1 second does not seem such a hard thing - and you will achieve it fairly quickly. But if the best shooter in your club thinks that a 1.5sec draw after 3 years of practice is good, then there is no reason you will believe it is not - and your progress will be slowed.

Also, better shooters are often more serious about their training and you will likely find yourself in a group that will do better practice.

But if you have allowed yourself to shoot too fast and inaccurately in practice, thinking "this is only practice, I will slow down and aim in the match" then you will find your shooting to be erratic inaccurate and out of control in competition. And you will most likely find yourself very disappointed with your match performance. You really need to practice with at least as much accuracy as you would like in a match - and even slightly above. The stress and adrenalin of competition will make you stronger and faster - but not more accurate. So train always with an eye on precision. Don't practice to knock down 6 plates with 9 shots! slow down and see how many you can run without a miss. You do not have to worry about slowing down a little in practice in favour of accuracy, in a match you will not be slow. The adrenalin will keep you at your top speed - but your subconscious skills - forcing you to look for the A - will keep your points good, and that is key.

Plan your practice sessions to improve your weaknesses

Too many shooters are in the habit of always going to practice what is fast and fun. They will very rarely practice something they are not good at - like perhaps weak hand shooting of fast bobbbers. But this leads you to develop "holes" in your shooting skills, and these will bite you in the ass in competition, cost you a ton of points and result in a much lower finish in the ranking that you could have otherwise achieved.

You need to think of your weaknesses as an asset - as those are the skills you can improve the fastest - and gain valuable match points. Try to objectively analyze what your abilities are in each skill set - and focus on working on those. it may be less fun in practice - but if your goal is match results - this is the only way to go.

Next issue - the benefits of preparing a training schedule.

Race Master Holster - Review

- David Thompson (www.practicalhandgun.com)

Over the 20 years I have been shooting IPSC, I have used a variety of holsters from different manufacturers in competitive events. I have used Hellweg, Rescomp and borrowed a Guga Ribas to try in a few matches. For the past number of years I have been using the Ghost competition holster in Production and Standard Divisions. This year a new holster hit the IPSC competition circuit – the Race Master, made by Double Alpha Academy (DAA).

I decided to give one a test and see how it compared with what I had previously used. This review is based on using the holster over five months, when I have used it for personal practice, running training courses, taking part in local matches and International events, which have included the SVI in Philippsburg, Czech Extreme and Hungarian MFS Level 3 competitions.

Pistol Retention

The Race Master (RM) does not use a platform to locate the muzzle (similar in form to the Ghost, Guga Ribas and Limcat). It includes a positive holster lock and a tension adjustment knob, a feature not found on other holsters. The large stainless steel tension adjustment knob rotates several turns, increasing or decreasing the resistance of the draw. This gives you a wide range of possibilities,

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from totally resistant free to stages that have a more dynamic starting position when you will want a bit more resistance to the draw.

The RM has an adjustment and positioning system based on a ball joint and also has adjustments for angle and distance from the body. The belt hanger will be a stable fit on the popular 1.5 inch wide belts used on the IPSC circuit.

When the pistol is holstered you can engage the locking mechanism, by flicking it down with your finger or thumb. This is also a useful feature to have after you unload and show clear. You can go a look at the other stages, or have a coffee, knowing that your pistol will not unintentionally drop out of your holster. You can disengage it with your second finger as your hand wraps around the grip. The safety lever has serrations to catch your finger as you close your hand around the grip. I did not find these serrations to be an issue, but a safety lever without serrations is also available as an aftermarket part from DAA. You could also grind the serrations off yourself if you wanted to. To date I have not felt the need to engage the safety lever before making a draw.

Several makes of holster offer the ability to use the same holster with different types of firearms, which involves changing some of the parts. The RM uses an interchangeable insert block to secure different makes of pistol. You can buy one holster and then purchase an insert block for each additional make of pistol you want to use with it.

With this design you do not need to remove the holster from one belt and add it to another,

or own a complete second rig. If you use the DAA magazine pouches that can be adjusted to be used with different types of magazine, you can do it all with the one rig. This is a very useful feature.

The holster is CNC machined from aircraft-grade aluminum and are hard anodized to offer a long lasting surface finish in black, blue, red, or silver.



These machining processes are expensive, but they result in a more precise and better quality product. Double Alpha Academy has its own in-house four axis HAAS CNC machine, although this is used primarily for development and small runs of special gun type inserts. DAA out sources the production of most of the RM parts to a top quality, ISO 9002 certified machine shop.

An IPSC competitor always wants to know that their holster will securely retain the pistol when engaged in the various physical activities that will occur during a match. Obviously you want to achieve adequate retention without hindering the draw. It is in this area where you notice the difference between the different styles of holster that are used on the IPSC circuit.

have its position and tension configured in the way that it is actually going to be used in a match. As the feel of the draw is determined by the design, all of the holsters that I have used in the past each have a different feel to them. Usually the more resistance in the retention mechanism, the more drag you can feel as you have to pull the pistol out of the holster.

During the retention tests I could not get the RM to inadvertently dump the pistol, but when I performed the draw the RM simply 'lets go' of the pistol. It feels almost as if the pistol is just sitting on 'fresh air' instead of being retained by the holster's lock system. You will find that drawing the RM to be a very smooth unhindered draw. During these initial trials the RM has

This fitting is the reason for the pistol's stability in the holster. As the pistol is drawn, the block, which resides in an angled track, slides out to the side, releasing the trigger guard and allowing the gun to be drawn with only 6 to 8 mm (0.25 to 0.30 inches) of upward movement required to clear the holster.

The holster and its component parts are very accurately manufactured and I had no issues in disassembling and reassembling the RM when swapping over the inserts between different makes of pistol. Now after five months of use I have not got any nicks or cuts on my hands, so there are no sharp edges to worry about.



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I first checked how securely the RM retains the pistol. With the retention screw set at its lowest setting and a magazine of dummy rounds loaded into the pistol I went through all of the starting positions that are normally encountered in a match. I then tried the starting positions encountered when I started competing in IPSC. These involved more dynamic movements of running, turning, climbing onto and jumping off objects. During these retention tests I could not get the RM to unintentionally release the pistol. This holster has the best retention of any competition holster that I have used or tried out.

The second think I checked was how the RM's draw feels when you

shown itself to have all the features that you would want in a competition holster.

New Retention System

Other brands of holster use a combination of a muzzle support and trigger guard support to hold the gun steady, or just locate the pistol around the trigger guard holsters which allows the gun to move around a bit when holstered. The RM holds the pistol steady, with a seamless fit. When you want to the pistol will draw upwards smoothly with almost no resistance. This smooth draw is achieved by the use of a new locking system that offers a smooth clean release of the pistol when you draw and a solid grip on the pistol when it is holstered.

This locking is achieved by means of a sliding block, formed precisely around the front end of the trigger guard.

Belt Attachment

The belt hanger on this holster is quite interesting. The 1.5 belt fits into a slot on the hanger and two spring steel flat clasps are screw tightened on the inside of the hanger to hold the belt in place. Once the two retaining straps are tightened down, the holster will not budge on your belt. On the DAA belt I was using the hanger is a very neat fit. This means there is no movement of the holster during the draw. As the inside of hanger only consists of two spring steel clasps this also allows the outer belt to make contact with the inner belt, which allows the Velcro to grip in this crucial area. This means that you will not have to attach a strip of Velcro on the inside of the hanger to offer additional adhesion to the inner belt. This design allows you to assemble your holster on your belt at the designated position without struggling to slide a tight fitting belt



hanger the length of your belt. The lack of any bulk on the inner side makes this hanger more comfortable to wear for extended periods. Could we also see this option being made available for magazine pouches?

The pistol retention part of the holster is secured to the belt hanger part of the holster by means of a ball and socket design, which means that the holster can be adjusted in a number of different angles and directions. The RM uses two Allen head screws to secure the ball in place. Take your time when adjusting and tightening these screws to ensure that the holster is correctly adjusted to suit yourself. Do this correctly and you should only need to do it once, when you make the initial purchase.

“The Double Alpha Academy Race Master has advanced IPSC holster design to a new level.”

The adjustment in the RM allows it to be positioned to suit your own body. This is very important so that when you make the draw the pistol will lift cleanly from the RM. If your draw is not clean, but slightly off angle a pistol can bind and drag or stick. This was a serious issue with earlier competition holsters. I spent some time making sure that the RM was properly set up to suit me and all my draws result in a clean lift. Once you are satisfied with the holster's position tighten all the screws down and you are good to go.

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Jürgen Tegge - Interview

Anyone familiar with big IPSC matches, is surely familiar with the white and grey striped shirts of our IROA officials, without whom any large IPSC match would be totally impossible.

We caught up with Mr. Jurgen Tegge, Vice President of IROA at the Quickborn range in Germany a couple of weeks ago, and he was kind enough to sit down with us for a interview to discuss what IROA is, what it does, how the RO's and other officials do their job and how they are evaluated.

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