



Best Binoculars 2019 Awards

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9th Annual BBR Awards

Now into it's ninth year, the 2019 awards are a way for me to showcase the very best binoculars, night vision devices, scopes and accessories that I have fully tested and reviewed in the past 12 months in a range of categories.



100% Genuine Award Winners

It really annoys me that the internet is riddled with reviews and awards given by people who in most cases have never seen, used or tested the product in question.

This is because not only are these awards and reviews completely meaningless, but they are also misleading and will often trick consumers into a purchase that in many cases is completely wrong for their particular needs.

What makes the BBR Annual Binocular Awards different:

To be eligible for a BBR Award and be considered one of the best binoculars for 2019, it has to have been fully reviewed and tested here on BBR. Here I think it is important to note that all of the reviews on the BBR website are 100% genuine and only written after I have thoroughly researched, used and then tested and compared the binocular/instrument/accessory to others in its class.

Then at the end of the year, I go over each review and see which, if any really deserve to be called the BEST in a particular category. If I cannot find any deserving winners, or if it happens that I have not reviewed a product in a certain category over the last 12 months, then I either forgo the award or if good enough and still relevant and available on the market, I will suggest the previous year's winner.

I would like to also like to reassure you that my choice for an award winner in every category is completely independent and totally unbiased in any way and that I will never accept any sort of incentive to promote a particular product above another.

As I can only review and test a limited amount of products every year, this does mean that the pool of potential winners is far, far smaller than every single pair of optics on the market, but I hope that you will agree that these BBR awards really do mean something and that the winners really do deserve to be highlighted and recognized as some of the best binoculars in their particular niche. More details, check out the [BBR Awards Rules at the foot of this page](#).

Best Binoculars 2019

Below is a list of shortcut links to all the top binoculars in 2019. As in the past few years, I will be announcing each winner one-at-a-time over a period of days, so please do check back if you are reading this and there are still winners yet to be announced:

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10. **Best Under \$300 & Best Value for Money 2019** - Hawke Endurance ED 8x42
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Category Winners Yet to be Announced:

1. **Best Mid Range Astronomy Binoculars**

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GPO Passion HD 10x42 Binoculars

Scoring a massive 90% BBR score there is no doubt in my mind that the Passion HD binoculars from German Precision Optics is not only one of the top rated binoculars in 2019, but ranks up there with the very best HD binoculars that I have ever used.

From the extremely comfortable and weight saving top hinge designed magnesium alloy chassis to the fully multi-coated optical system that incorporates double ED glass lens elements with hydrophobic coatings on the exterior surfaces as well as the very best phase corrected and dielectrically coated Schmidt Pechan roof prisms, these German designed binoculars brought a smile to my face at every turn.



Body Quality:	9/10	90% The VERY Best
Body Stats:	8/10	
Optical Quality:	9/10	
Optical Stats:	9/10	
Image Quality	10/10	
Extras & Details:	9/10	

A Few Highlights:

- The body components used by GPO and the overall build quality are out of the top drawer. This includes the use of a magnesium alloy chassis and aluminium eye-piece housings to the super smooth focus wheel with its integrated diopter adjuster.
- You could not wish for high-grade optical components and coatings which includes two ED glass elements within each lens and hydrophobic coatings on the exterior surfaces that ensure a better view in all conditions, remain cleaner for longer and are easier to clean when you eventually have to.
- These very high specification optical components combine well to deliver what I thought was a truly exceptional view and which I believe is as good or better than any instrument at this or even the higher "alpha" price level.
- For a 10x42, the image brightness is super impressive.
- I really like the quality and semi-rigid construction of the carry case and the neck strap is one of the most comfortable that I have ever used.
- For a binocular with a 10x magnification, these GPO Passion HD 10x42 binoculars have a very wide field of view. Indeed at 336ft@1000yds, it exactly matches that of both the Leica 10x42 Ultravid HD and the Swarovski 10x42 EL.

Main Specs & Features:

- High End Binoculars, RRP Approx: \$900 / £900 / €900
- Fully Multi-Coated Optics with:
 - 42mm Objective Lenses
 - Double ED Glass Elements
 - Hydrophobic Lens Coatings
- Schmidt Pechan roof prisms:
 - Dielectric Coatings
 - Phase Correction Coatings
- Magnesium Alloy Body:
 - Waterproof & Fog Protection
 - Central Focus Wheel with integrated locking Diopter
 - Twist-up aluminum eyecups with 17mm of Eye Relief
 - Tripod Adaptable
- FOV: 336ft @ 1000 yards
- Close Focus Distance: 2m (6.5ft)

 Buy & Compare Prices: GPO Passion Binoculars

Past Winners:

- 2018 - Maven B2 11x45
- 2016/17 - Swarovski EL 8.5x42
- 2015 - Swarovski SLC 10x42
- 2014 & 2013 - Swarovski EL 10x32
- 2012 - Vortex 8x42 Razor HD
- 2011 - Swarovski EL 8x32 W B Traveler
- 2010 - Kowa 10.5x44 Genesis XD