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CENTURI 4-16x44i FFP Super Compact – MIL reticle

Super compact, super precise, super optics.

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Alright, folks, strap in and prepare to have your long-range expectations redefined! I have just spent some serious time with the GPO CENTURI 4-16x44i FFP Super Compact, and let me tell you, this little powerhouse is absolutely blowing my mind! We are talking about a scope that packs the punch of a full-sized optic into a shockingly compact and lightweight package. If you are looking for a scope that delivers exceptional clarity, precise MIL reticle performance, and rugged reliability without weighing you down, then you have absolutely come to the right place. Let's get into the details and establish why the CENTURI 4-16x44i is a game-changer! Some background first.

German Precision Optics (GPO) is a company that has made significant strides in the optics market, though it may not yet possess the household name recognition of some of its competitors. GPO was founded by individuals with extensive experience in the European optics industry, drawing on expertise gained from working with renowned manufacturers. This

background has allowed GPO to focus on producing high-quality optical products, including binoculars, riflescopes, and rangefinders, with a strong emphasis on delivering excellent value. They aim to provide a balance of optical performance and competitive pricing, with a total commitment to quality. Their philosophy is evident in the new CENTURI 4-16x44i FFP Super Compact – MIL reticle subject of our review.

I don't often get this excited about a mid-price rifle scope, but if you are looking to maximize your bang for the buck, you have just found it. So, let's get started with my impression of its optical performance.

To simply call the CENTURI 4-16x44i FFP Super Compact 'exceptional' falls short of its true performance. Bright, clear, and crisp all apply. GPO's meticulous engineering, combining their DOUBLE-HD glass with the GPObright lens coating, delivers a truly remarkable image. It delivers brightness and clarity that surpass expectations, even under the most challenging lighting scenarios. There is no picture that I could take to accurately represent the CENTUR's optical clarity.



In addition to superb optics, the CENTURI has an excellent Mil reticle in a First Focal Plane (FFP) configuration.

The two significant advantages of the FFP reticle are that the reticle stadia (hash marks or mil-dots) maintain their actual size and value relative to the target, even as you change the magnification. This ensures consistent and accurate holdovers. Additionally, the FFP reticle can also be used to accurately range targets at any magnification.

The CENTURI incorporates an illuminated reticle for enhanced visibility. However, GPO distinguishes itself through the implementation of a continuously adjustable reticle illumination. In contrast to many competing optics that utilize discrete illumination levels with detents, leading to potential gaps between brightness settings, the CENTURI offers fine-tuned control. This ensures the user can achieve optimal reticle brightness without the common issue of insufficient or excessive illumination. The illumination adjustment is located on the left side and cohabitates with the parallax adjustment turret. CENTURI's reticle illumination is powered by a single CR2032 battery.



The zero-stop feature on the GPO CENTURI is a valuable tool for shooters who need to return their elevation turret quickly and accurately to a pre-

set zero point after adjusting for range to make the shot.

CENTURI features a unique zero-stop mechanism and a multiple rotation indicator. The scope ships with zero-stop engaged so you will want to disable it to zero your rifle.

To disable zero-stop, remove the turret cap using the tool provided.



Once the cap is removed turn it over so that the internal components are visible.



You'll notice a concentric fine gear assembly along with etching indicating the need to rotate the gear assembly clockwise to set zero-stop. Turning the gear assembly counter clockwise disables zero-stop. Once zero-stop is disabled, reinstall the turret cap and you're ready to zero.



The rest is a matter of getting it dialed in. The CENTURI uses the mrad system with 0.1 mrad adjustment per click. The adjustments with this scope are precise, tactile, and audible.



Another feature that I want to point out in this review is the turret rotation indicator, this is an extremely useful tool when shooting at extended ranges where elevation adjustments require more than one full rotation of the elevation turret. Simply passing your hand over the elevation turret, lets you know that you should be looking at the top line numbers of the turret cap.



The GPO CENTURI 4-15x FFP MIL riflescope is built with a focus on providing a robust and durable optic in a compact form factor. Despite its super-compact 9.9-inch length and 20-ounce weight, it incorporates features typically found

in more substantial scopes. Its construction includes a 30mm main tube and designed to withstand the rigors of tactical use. The inclusion of a zero-stop locking ballistic turret system and a turret rotation indicator suggests a design perspective aimed at maintaining precise adjustments and withstanding repeated use under various conditions. Further indication of build quality is GPO's use of double HD glass elements and GPObright lens coatings focused on optical clarity, often a hallmark of well-built optics. The CENTURI is engineered to offer a balance of compactness, performance, and durability suitable for tactical and precision shooting applications. It's a must have optic for your favorite rifle, and a tremendous value proposition.

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Manufacturer Specifications

- **Reticle** *MIL-FFP*
- **Weight** *20oz*
- **Length** *9.9 in.*
- **Eye Relief** *3.75in*
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- **FOV @ 100y** *34-9*
- **Tube Size** *30mm*
- **Turret Click Adjustment** *0.1 milrad*

- **Max Elevation Adjustment** *22 milradian, 80"*
- **Max Windage Adjustment** *100", 36 milradian*
- **Turret Style** *ZeroStop Locking Reset*
- **Parallax Setting** *10y to inf.*
- **Magnification** *4-16x*
- **Turret Rotation Style** *Counter-Clockwise Up*