



by Rick Eutsler, Jr.

My initial impression upon seeing the AT-P2 Tactical Pistol / Carbine was that it reminded me of a platypus. As if someone in the factory had a bench full of spare parts and a free afternoon so they decided to see what would happen if they just started screwing stuff together.

This impression quickly changed when I actually got to handle and shoulder one for the first time. There's something about a compact "sub-airgun" that just feels good when you pull it in tight and look down the sights. The balance is much better than I had ever expected. The molded, right-handed, grip is extremely comfortable and makes the AT-P2 more

manageable than its weight of 6.4 pounds suggests it would be. What really sets the AT-P2 apart is the adjustable stock. It's removable, has an adjustable raised cheek-piece and is adjustable for pull length. Other features include a removable 50cc

air cylinder, adjustable front and rear fiber optic sights, multi-shot rotary magazine (10 shot in .177 and .22 / 9 shot in .25), and Hatsan's adjustable Quattro trigger.

If you intend to use the AT-P2 in pistol mode with an optic, then you should consider some sort of reflex or red dot sight. This would allow you to go back and forth between pistol and carbine with the same optic. Since I was only ever planning to use the AT-P2 in carbine mode, I installed a Hawke 2-7x32 AO Sports HD IR optic. In my opinion this is the perfect scope for this airgun. It has a forgiving, wide field of view at the 2x magnification, perfect for chasing pests or small game at close range with the ability to go up to 7x for those longer shots, and the illuminated, etched glass, mil-dot reticle is well suited for either target shooting or small game hunting. I used a set of Hawke Match Grade 11mm High Mounts to tie it all together. This has been a rock solid platform during my testing.

Mechanically the AT-P2 is a joy to operate. The spring assist side lever makes cocking smooth and easy. The fact that Hatsan put the mechanics on the left allows you to

keep your trigger hand firmly in place with your target in your sights while you work the action with your free hand. Because the AT-P2 is so well balanced, you don't really need your off hand for support like you would with a longer, front heavy airgun. With practice, you can empty a magazine pretty quickly while staying on target.

The performance of the AT-P2 will vary depending on what caliber and pellet you choose. My test product is the .25 cal version and it packs a pretty good punch for such a small PCP airgun. On paper, the AT-P2 should top out with lead pellets at 710 fps. My review sample, using H&N Field Target Trophy Pellets at 19.91 grains, actually topped out at 722.3

FPS, giving us a maximum energy of 23.07 foot pounds. The average velocity across 18 shots (2 full 9 shot magazines) was 678.6 FPS.

The most accurate pellet I found was the 25.4 grain JSB Exact King. This was certainly no surprise as this continues to be the "go to" pellet for every .25 cal

Hatsan airgun that I've tested to date. The average velocity for the JSB Kings was 603.9 FPS which gave me an average energy of 20.57 foot pounds. The maximum velocity and energy achieved with that pellet was at the top of the power curve and came in at around shot # 13 from a full 200 bar. The velocity topped out at 642.1 FPS with a maximum energy of 23.26 foot pounds.



(Cont. on page 8)

(Cont. from page 7)

The AT-P2 exceeded all the manufacturer's stated parameters with the exception of one. The specifications state a maximum of 35 shots per fill. While I've not tested the .177 or .22 to see if they could reach that count number, the .25 cal does not come close. At the most you will get 20 usable shots from a full 200 bar fill. The most consistent shots will come from shots 9 through 16. In that range the extreme spread was only about 20 FPS. The overall extreme spread across 20 shots was around 100 FPS. This is to be expected with such a powerful gun using such a small air cylinder.

Having such a narrow power band certainly made shooting for accuracy a challenge. At close range, say 10 to 15 yards, the AT-P2 will stack pellets in the same hole pretty easily. But, when you start getting out to 20 and 25 yards, the change in velocity really starts to affect your point of impact. As long as you stay in the power band, you are fine, but you'll see a lot of movement on either side.



Five shot groups at 10 yards

Here are some shot groups taken at various ranges. The power curve for my particular AT-P2 starts around 180 bar and lasts through about 100 bar. I attempted to stay in that range for all the accuracy tests. The first image is a pair of 5 shot groups at 10 yards. As you can see, putting lead on target close in is quite simple. The next set of groups shows the average patterns you would expect to see at around 20 yards. The final image is a 9 shot group taken at 40 yards. You can see the rise and fall of the pellet as it climbed, stabilized, and then began to fall.



Nine shot group at 40 yards

The AT-P2 Tactical Pistol / Carbine is a very unique airgun. While my initial reaction to the aesthetics was not favorable, that was quickly overcome once I had the chance to work with it. It does have a very narrow power band which may concern some airgunners, but if you want the power and



compact size, you'll have to sacrifice something and shot count is usually the first to go. In the end I'm very impressed with this little gun. It's extremely effective inside 20 to 25 yards and it's a joy to shoot.

**IT'S A WAY OF LIFE**  
**pursuit**  
 CHANNEL

friday @ 8:30pm & 1:30am eastern  
 wednesday @ 4:30pm eastern

**AMERICAN AIRGUNNER**

UMBREX ZEROED IN | PYRAMD AIR | FilmOn | www.americanairgunner.com