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At Shot Show 2018, Bushnell introduced an expanded line of AR optics that among other things included a new and improved version of the company's highly successful TRS-25, called the TRS-26 and a new release of Bushnell's First Strike red dot open reflex sight, now the First Strike 2.0.

The First Strike 2.0 is a major improvement over the original First Strike.

First, and by far, for me, is its extended battery life which comes in at 110,000 hours compared to the three or four days of the original First Strike.

Next, Bushnell did away with the self-regulating dot brightness system. I can't adequately express how much I dislike self-regulating dot brightness; here's why, try using one in a dark space. Unless you're using a weapon mounted light, not often desirable, you won't see the aiming dot, a la Shield sight. I'm quite capable of selecting the appropriate dot brightness thank you very much Bushnell! The First Strike 2.0 offers 10 settings to suit all ambient lighting conditions.



Looking at a top view, you'll see two arrow buttons. The up arrow activates the sight and progressively increases dot intensity with each press. The down arrow is used to turn off the sight or decrease the dot intensity. Accessing the brightness controls is easy and comfortable.

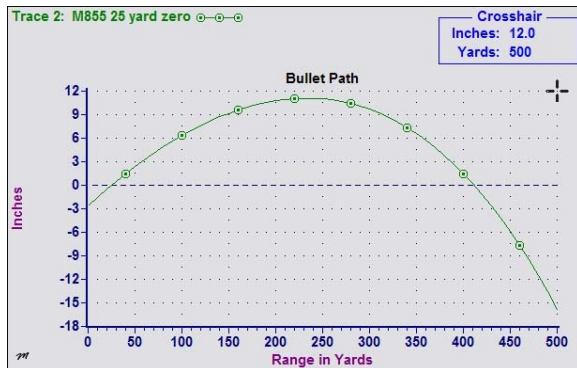
Bushnell decided on a 4 MOA dot for its First Strike 2.0, which is an improvement over the 5 MOA First Strike, but even at 4 MOA, it makes longer range applications a bit of a challenge.

A 4 MOA (1 MOA = 1.047 inches at 100 yds.) dot will cover over 4 inches of target at 100 yards and over 8 inches at 200 yds. A two or three MOA dot would have extended the sight's practical range and remain fully supported by its elevation and windage adjustment of 1 MOA per click



The First Strike 2.0 has an adjustment range of over 110 MOA¹ for wind and elevation which is nice to have but probably overkill.

Consider the trajectory of M855 62 gr 5.56x45 zeroed at 25 yds.



At 500 yards, you only need 18 inches of elevation. Shooters don't normally dial in elevation when using red dot sights. Once they're zeroed at 25, 50 or 100 yds. range adjustments are holdovers or holdunder

If you like feeling and hearing clicks, you'll be delighted by First Strike's 2 great tactile.



Most of the open reflex red dot sights on the market require uninstalling the sight to change the battery. This was the case for the original First Strike; in the First Strike 2.0, Bushnell transitioned to an external battery tray making battery replacements a snap.

The First Strike 2.0 ships with a hi-rise mount but it can be mounted directly to your

¹ Manufacturers quote optic adjustment as a range. This means that 110 MOA will provide 55 MOA of elevation and 55 MOA of declination.

accessory rail providing shooters with a variety of mounting options.

I mounted the First Strike 2 on an FNH PS90 which is a perfect choice for the sight. The PS90 and P90 are excellent choices for short-range engagements, up to 200 yds. The ideal sight for the platform is one that is quick and allows a wide field of view, a role which the First Strike 2 played admirably.



Out of the box the sight was shooting high, and I've circled those in black. I adjusted elevation and fired a 3 shot group, also circled in black, which was on the mark but needed a slight windage adjustment. I then fired two five shot groups which were right in there.

During zeroing, there was no interaction between windage and elevation and all adjustments tracked vertically and horizontally with excellent tactile.

The Bushnell First Strike 2 is a significant improvement over the original First Strike open red dot reflex sight.

- Excellent windage and elevation tactile and tracking.
- 10 brightness settings.
- Tool-less side compartment battery removal.
- Battery life of 110,000 hours.
- 110 MOA range of adjustment.
- Included hi-rise mount.
- Bushnell's Ironclad Warranty

At and M.S.R.P. of \$277.45, Bushnell's First Strike 2 offers exceptional value; making it an excellent choice for your carbine, SBR or shotgun. Give it a try!

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