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Late 2018 Crimson Trace entered the electronic sight market with five red dot sights. In this review, I take a look at the CTS-1400, a red dot sight for rifles and shotguns.

By any measure, Crimson Trace was a late entry into this highly competitive space, but as you learn in most MBA programs, that's not always a bad thing especially when you are introducing a markedly superior product. In short, if I were an established red dot sight manufacturer, I'd be shifting my sweat pumps into high gear.

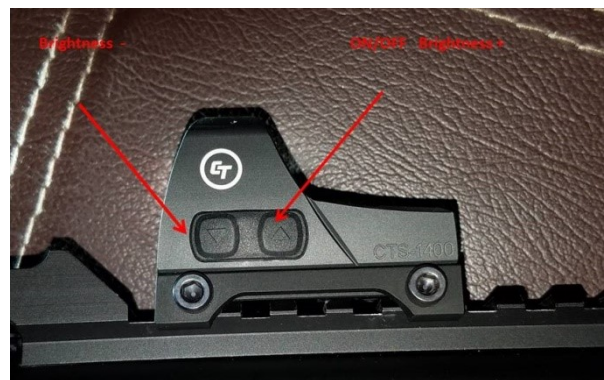
The CTS-1400 is a 3.25 MOA compact open red dot reflex sight with a panoramic field of view. This is a red dot sight designed specifically to augment a rifle or a shotgun. I mounted the review sample on an AK-47. As you know, the AK is notoriously hard on electronic sights due to the elevated temperatures at the trunnion area.

The CTS-1400 ships with what Crimson Trace labels a snag free Picatinny mount; it placed the sight very nicely on my Parabellum Armament LLC. rail so that it co-witnessed with the rifle's iron sights. Readers familiar with the Parabellum rail know it includes a notch at its forward most attachment point to replace the

traditional AK rear battle sight. What was immediately noticeable was the exceptional clarity of this sight's glass. Target and aiming dot were sharp and clear.

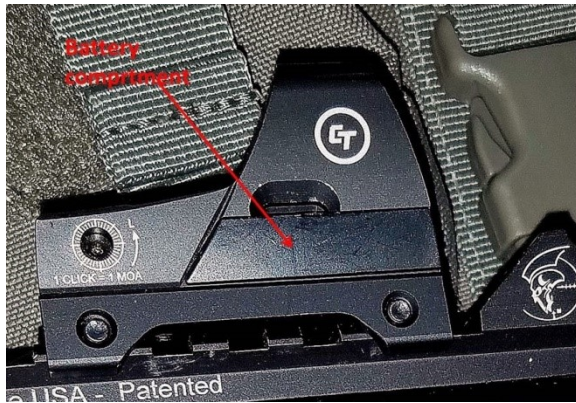


The CTS-1400 is also well laid out. Elevation and wind adjustments are clearly marked with excellent tactile. One click equals 1 minute of angle (MOA) at 100 yards.

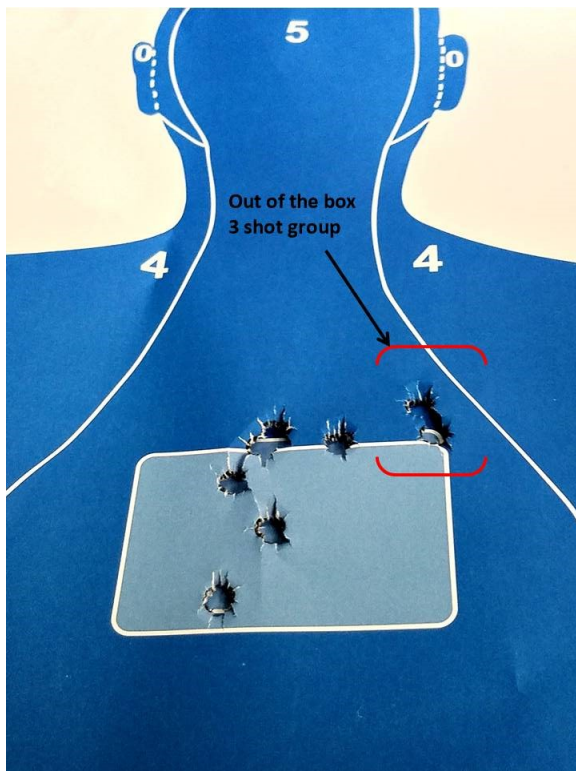


On the sight's left side you find the ON/OFF and brightness + and brightness - controls. They're

easy to reach and operate. The shooter has a choice of 10 levels of intensity.



On the right side you have the windage adjustment and the battery compartment. You don't need to dismount the CTS-1400 to change its single CR2032 power source.



Range performance was equally impressive. I've marked my first three shot group which was fired supported at 50 yds. - what you're seeing is right out of its box. Shazam! I am now utterly

convinced that CTC centers these red dot sights before leaving the factory. Three clicks left and I was done. I then fired 6 rounds unsupported and was extremely pleased with the results.

The STS CTS-1400 is a superb offering by a company that provides you with a 3 year limited warranty and batteries for life. I have no hesitation in suggesting you pick one up. You will love CTC's CTS-1400 as much as I do. **-SP**

Availability is projected for January 2019

Manufacturer Specifications

- 3.25 MOA round aiming dot
- Magnification: 1x
- Battery Type: One (1) CR2032
- Shock, dust, impact, fog and recoil resistant
- Material: Aircraft Grade Anodized Aluminum
- Weight: 2.9 oz
- Length: 2.3"
- Width: 1.5"
- Height: 1.6"
- Brightness Settings: 10x
- Adjustment Range: >100 MOA
- Adjustment Graduation: 1 MOA
- Operating Temperature: -10 to +50C
- Wide field of view with superior glass quality
- Intelligent electronics for maximum battery life
- M.S.R.P. \$499