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The Ridgeline new Tru Shot day pack is a unique pack that offers some great features for the hunter/shooter that I was keen to investigate further.



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RIDGELINE'S TRU SHOT DAY PACK

### The concept

When a hunter reaches those rises and peers across at his prey, the next step is to stabilise the rifle in preparation for the crucial shot. Dropping down onto your stomach, you look through the scope only to see a blur of tussock. You set the rifle aside and push and pat frantically at the ground, while the quarry nervously trots further away looking back at the exasperated hunter now trying to do an Irish jig atop the shrubbery.

Often the day pack is swung around in front, set atop the nearest rise and creates a great shooting rest.

Ridgeline have now taken this to the next level with the Tru Shot pack, that features lightweight moulded foam rifle rests on the outside of the pack. Rifle stocks balance perfectly and allows the shooter a stable platform from which to shoot.

If you already have a bipod fixed to your rifle, the pack aids as the 'rear bag' keeping the rifle butt nicely snug into your shoulder and allows for those awkward angled shots. Recently, my mate was in full view of two bulls out on a slip. I threw him my Tru Shot pack and he positioned it under his arm, managing to shoot his first 12" bull tahr. The Tru Shot pack certainly proved its worth in this moment.

### The Features

- 25L Capacity
- Comfortable shoulder & waist strap
- Ammo loops in belt pockets
- Hydro clips for a bladder (sold separately)
- Lightweight moulded foam rifle rest
- Ventilated frame
- Removable blaze rain cover

The Tru Shot is a 25L pack for general one-two day outdoor use. Padded shoulder straps provide comfort for those heavy loads and you can depend on the YKK zips. Six zippered compartments and two side elasticised fast access pockets provide sufficient storage.

The exterior is made from treated brushed tricot in Ridgeline Nature Green Camouflage 'Wild Trees', enabling water to shed off the pack, leaving a matte finish that is quiet while pushing against foliage.

A dry back and stiffened ribs provide a ventilated frame that helps with air flow between you and the pack, while distributing weight to your hips, making it particularly comfortable to wear for extended periods. Ammo loops in the belt pockets are a handy addition easily accessed on both the left and right sides. The chest strap is fixed to webbing, so it won't get ripped off the running rail system and the waist strap is cinched.

The pack works well with Ridgeline's Haul All Bumbag and they are designed to connect together, making for the ultimate arm and rifle rest. The Haul All also features a handy pikau-style meat sack. The Tru Shot has the usual points for internal hanging of a water bladder (sold separately) and weather top access for a hose to exit.

The bottom of the pack features a removable hi-vis orange rain cover, so you can find your pack, keep it dry and make sure you're visible on your trek. If you need to stow the rain cover away wet there are three riveted holes to allow for drainage.

### Potential for improvement

While it was useful to have a choice between two rifle spots, if it's about weight cutting, then only one foam rest would suffice.

The dry back is great, but once you install the bladder, it does seem to limit the amount of gear you can fit inside the main compartment.

Overall it is a useful and practical pack that serves its purpose well.

RRP \$129.99.

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