

# ELEMENT®



## HELIX GEN 2

6-24x50 SFP

OWNER'S MANUAL  
& RETICLE INFORMATION

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## MEET THE HELIX GEN 2

The HELIX GEN 2 continues the legacy of our original HELIX line of riflescopes, with industry-leading reliability and performance taken to the next level with new features and further design improvements.

The important things come first: Reliable tracking, intelligent reticles, innovative features and a user-friendly turret system. The turret system is tool-free and now features 8 MRAD or 20 MOA per revolution. The zero-stop mechanism ensures you never lose track of where you are, and the Second Focal Plane reticle ensures a crisp, uncluttered image at all magnifications. Optically, the familiar 4x erector system is complemented by a new design allowing for a larger field of view and a more forgiving eye-box. Stringent quality control checks are in place to ensure repeatable performance under harsh conditions, and if something goes wrong, our Platinum Lifetime Warranty has you covered!



Your rifle system is only as good as its weakest point, and so mounting of a riflescope is a very critical process that requires time and precision. If you feel uncomfortable doing this yourself we suggest visiting a gunsmith, as incorrect mounting can cause many issues down the line.

## Choosing Rings

The HELIX GEN 2 requires 30mm rings. When purchasing rings for this riflescope, choose a quality product - Inferior rings may not align correctly and can damage your scope.

Ensure that your rings are the correct height above the bore & action for safe clearance and a comfortable cheek weld.

We recommend using a tilted base or an adjustable mount if shooting at extended ranges. **NEVER USE SCOPE SHIMS, as these can cause damage to your body tube and void your warranty. DO NOT torque the rings down using more than 18 in-lbs (2 NM) of force, as this can also cause damage to the body tube or affect internal components.**

## **MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS**

How To Correctly Mount Your Riflescope, including positioning, levelling, setting eye relief and torquing ring screws.



## Alignment & Eye Relief

- 1) When fitting the riflescope to your rifle, ensure that the rings are firmly attached to the rifle **BEFORE** you tighten the top screws down.
- 2) With the riflescope in place, torque the screws down until you begin to feel some resistance, but make sure you are still able to move the riflescope back and forth.
- 3) Get behind the rifle in a shooting position and move the riflescope forward or backward until the eye relief is best suited to your position.
- 4) With the eye relief set, use a set of bubble levels or a plumbline to ensure that the riflescope is level. A canted reticle will cause point of impact drift to the left or right, and affect accuracy.



- 5) Once you are happy with the position of your riflescope, begin to torque down your rings in a criss-cross pattern, moving between screws and turning small amounts at a time. Use a torque of 15-18 in-lbs. This will ensure that the riflescope does not shift position while tightening.

## Diopter - Focusing the Reticle

Everybody's eye is different, and the ocular lens will need to be adjusted for your eye in order for the reticle to appear in focus.

To do this, point the riflescope towards a blank or featureless background (i.e. a white wall or blue sky) and turn the ocular adjustment ring clockwise and counter-clockwise until the reticle appears in optimum focus.



**Tip:** Your eye will try to compensate for an out-of-focus reticle, so it may help to turn your parallax to minimum and look towards a far-off background. This will blur the background and allow your eye to focus on the reticle itself.

## Parallax Knob - Focusing the Target

A well-adjusted parallax is crucial for optimum precision, as it places the reticle in the exact same focal plane as the target and “fixes it in place”, eliminating the possibility of parallax error. And, of course, it allows you to see your target clearly.

To adjust parallax, rotate the parallax knob until your target is in focus. The parallax wheel is marked for different distances between 10yds/m to infinity. These markings provide an indication of where your optimum parallax setting might be for a given distance.

**TURN PARALLAX KNOB TO ADJUST  
IMAGE FOCUS**



**Tip:** Place your rifle scope in a fixed position and change the position of your eye (up/down, left/right) while adjusting parallax. If parallax is not set correctly, there will be apparent movement of the reticle in relation to the target. Adjust the parallax until this movement is eliminated.

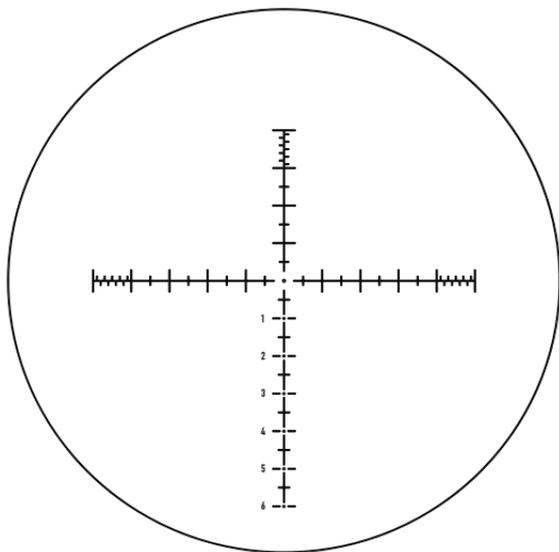
## Adjusting Magnification

This HELIX model features a magnification of 6-24x, and can be adjusted using the magnification ring near the rear of the riflescope.

The ring is marked with magnification powers from 6x up to 24x, and will line up with the arrow on the ocular tube to indicate magnification.



This model has a Second Focal Plane reticle, which means that the reticle will appear to remain the same size when zooming. However, the value of the subtensions will change. We've calibrated the reticles to be true at 24x, but can also be used at 6x and 12x - With some mental maths!



## Fitting/Removing the Throw Lever

Each HELIX GEN 2 riflescope comes standard with a throw lever that enables fast adjustment of the magnification ring. This can be removed simply by unscrewing and replacing with the included hex screw.



## Aperture Ring

The aperture ring performs one task: To reduce the objective diameter and prevent light passing through the outer edges of the objective lens. But why would we want to do this? Surely a larger objective lens is better?

The answer is that the full 50mm objective IS better for many applications, as it allows more light into the scope and provides a brighter image. However in some cases, it can be worth sacrificing a little bit of brightness to improve the image in other areas. By preventing light entering the outer edges of the lens, we increase the apparent depth of field (how much of the image is in focus) and reduce chromatic aberration and other effects by only allowing light through the centre of the lens where light is bent less. This may help you see slightly more detail on a high-contrast target like a white gong, can help in mirage, and will improve image quality on bright days when recording footage through a scope camera.

Your HELIX will need to be zeroed after it has been fitted to your rifle. The first step is to remove your turrets and remove the zero stop mechanism to allow a full range of adjustment.

1) Remove the Turret Housing

The HELIX GEN 2 is fitted with tool-free turret housings that can be removed by hand. With one hand holding the turret firmly in place, turn the knurled portion of the locking cap anticlockwise with your other hand until it lifts out. With this piece removed, you can lift off the turret housing to expose the zero-stop mechanism.

2) Remove the Zero-Stop Mechanism

To remove the zero-stop mechanism, use a 1.5mm hex key to loosen the three locking screws, and then lift the zero-stop mechanism off. Keep it somewhere safe!  
Replace the turret housing to continue.



**ZERO STOP RING**  
REMOVE TO ZERO



**SCAN FOR VIDEO**



## Adjusting the Turrets

Your riflescope will either be an MOA model, or an MRAD (MIL) model. These are two different angular units of measurement that are used by precision shooters. For in-depth information on these different units, see the guide on page 12. If you have an MRAD model, your turrets should read “1 Click = 1/10 MRAD”, while MOA models should read “1 Click = 1/4 MOA”. In simple terms, 1 click on an MOA turret will move the reticle 1/4” at 100 Yards, and 1 click on an MRAD turret will move the reticle 1cm at 100 Meters.

- To move your Point of Impact UP, turn ANTI-CLOCKWISE on your ELEVATION TURRET.
- To move your Point of Impact DOWN, turn CLOCKWISE on your ELEVATION TURRET.
- To move your Point of Impact RIGHT, turn ANTI-CLOCKWISE on your WINDAGE TURRET.
- To move your Point of Impact LEFT, turn CLOCKWISE on your WINDAGE TURRET.



## Boresighting

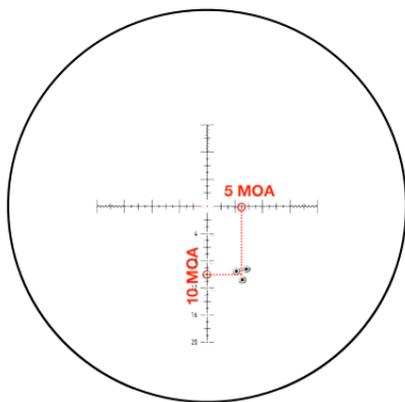
The HELIX GEN 2 is optically zeroed at the factory, so it should be close to center when fitted. Even so, it is important to check that you are “on paper” to avoid frustration. Bore-sight your rifle to ensure that your reticle is roughly aligned before fine-tuning. If using an airgun, shoot a large target at a close distance to check basic alignment.

## Fine-Tuning your Zero

We’ve designed the HELIX GEN 2 with reticle and turret units matching each other, which will make fine-tuning your zero an easy process. You can use your reticle to measure your Point of Impact offset from your target, and adjust accordingly.

For example, if your POI is 10 MOA Low and 5 MOA Right, you will adjust your turrets 40 clicks (10 MOA) UP and 20 clicks (5 MOA) LEFT to shift your reticle position to match your POI. Some reticles even feature a small 1-click scale so you can measure to the nearest click!

We recommend taking a 3-shot group to confirm your zero before continuing to the next step.



**Tip:** We recommend a zero distance of 100yds/m for centerfire rifles, 50yds/m for rimfires and 20-50yds/m for airguns. If you cannot boresight your rifle, start at a closer distance to get on paper, and then move out further to make precise adjustments.

## Setting your Zero-Stop

The HELIX is fitted with a zero-stop mechanism to make returning to zero an easy process. After dialling your elevation turret for a long-range shot, the zero stop will allow you to return to zero without even looking at your turrets.

- 1) Once your turrets have been zeroed, remove the turret housing and fit the zero-stop mechanism in place. Make sure that your turrets do not rotate at all (click) during this step.
- 2) Rotate the zero-stop ring clockwise while maintaining downward pressure. You will feel a hard stop as the pins engage.
- 3) Tighten the three locking screws with a 1.5mm hex key to lock in position.



## Setting the Position of the Turret Housing

You will want to set your turret housing so that the "0" on your turret lines up with the indicator.

- A) Line up the "0" on the turret housing with the indicator line and push it down into position. The teeth on the turret housing will match up with the teeth on the turret rod.
- B) With one hand holding the turret firmly in place, screw the turret cap firmly down to lock it into place.



While it is possible to use your riflescope without understanding how these systems work, it is best to know the basic concepts, as they are an integral part of “Shooting Education”, and will help you get the best out of your riflescope.

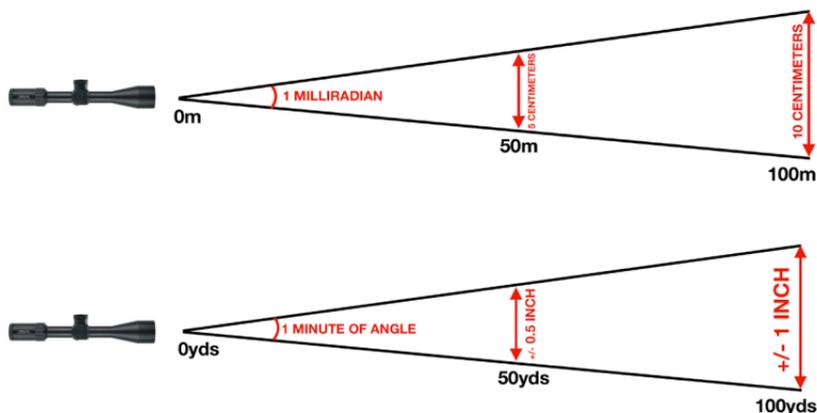
The two units we use in the shooting world are Milliradians (MRAD or MIL for short) and Minutes of Angle (MOA for short). The concept behind these two is very similar: They are angular units of measurement, meaning they can be used at any distance to quantify the distance between turret clicks and reticle markings.

Technically speaking, one MRAD = 1/1000 of a Radian, and one MOA = 1/60 of a Degree. But that doesn't help us.

Let's look at these units in terms of how they correspond to reticle divisions at different distances. In simple terms, ONE MRAD = 10cm at 100m, and ONE MOA = 1.047" at 100yds.

This makes these two units very useful, because we can relate them to units of measurement we use every day.

A shooter practicing at a 100m range can easily measure his group size in cm through the scope using his MRAD reticle, and a shooter at a 100yd range can estimate his group size in Inches using an MOA reticle.



This is also incredibly useful for measuring your POI offset when zeroing your scope, or even measuring the size of an animal when hunting. But there is some mental maths involved. Because these are angular units of measurement, the corresponding length units will change depending on your distance from the target.

For example, at 1000 Meters, one MRAD will now span 100cm (1m) instead of 10cm,

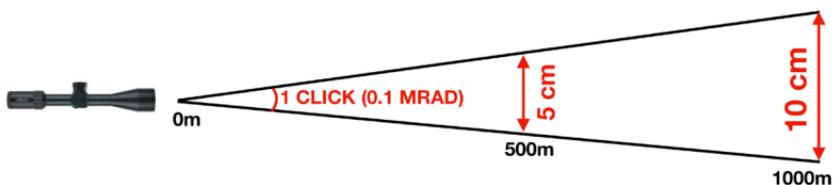
and at 1000 Yards, 1 MOA will span 10.47" instead of 1.047".

And the same applies the other way round: at 50m, one MRAD will span 5cm and 1 MOA will span approximately half an inch.

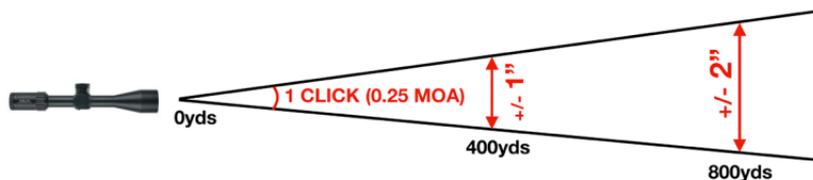
Most riflescope turrets are divided up into smaller units for more precise adjustments.

The HELIX GEN 2 features 1/10 MRAD and 1/4MOA click adjustments. Again, let's break that down:

MRAD model: 1 Click at 100m = 1cm



MOA model: 1 Click at 100yds = Approx. 1/4"



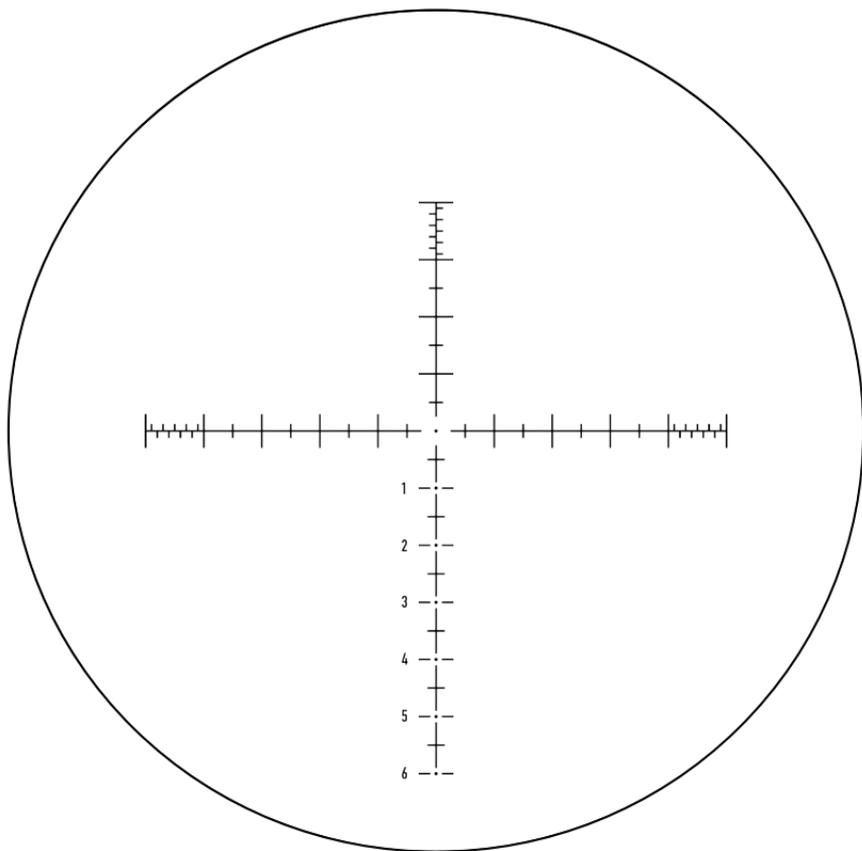
The HELIX GEN 2 SFP is available with 2 different reticle options: **APR-1C MRAD**, or **APR-1C MOA**.

With so many reticle options nowadays, it is difficult to find something that can be used for all situations. Element's reticles have been designed by shooters with broad experience across different shooting disciplines, and we've done our best to design all-purpose reticles that are useful without being too "cluttered". APR stands for "All-Purpose Reticle", and has been designed with some intuitive features:

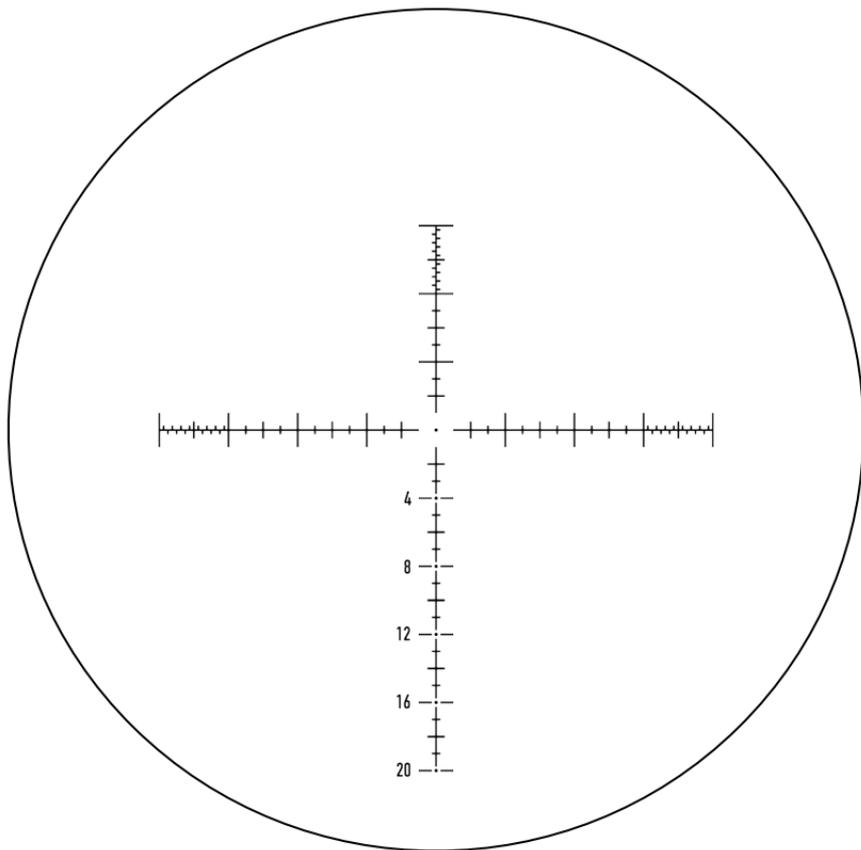
- 1/10 MRAD or 1/4 MOA scale on the vertical & horizontal axis for measuring group size or POI offset
- Floating center dot for precision when engaging small targets
- Numbered markings for fast holds in stressful situations
- Windage dots below the crosshair for more precise wind holds

The "C" variant of this reticle, featured on this model, is designed to be "clean", with no christmas-tree hold points.

## APR-1C MRAD



## APR-1C MOA



As shooters, we know that there is nothing worse than being let down by your equipment. We have made every effort to build a rugged, reliable product that will not break under any normal circumstances, and have implemented some of the strictest quality control measures in the industry. However, we know that things can go wrong, and therefore ALL ELEMENT Riflescopes are covered by our PLATINUM LIFETIME WARRANTY. This includes lifetime cover for any riflescopes damaged through normal use, and requires no registration, proof of purchase or transfer. If you have a problem, we will fix it - It's that easy!

For any warranty claims, please contact [support@element-optics.com](mailto:support@element-optics.com) or complete a claim form on our website.



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# SPEC SHEET

MAGNIFICATION RANGE	6-24x	
TUBE DIAMETER	30mm	
OBJECTIVE LENS DIAMETER	50mm	
EXIT PUPIL	8.3-2.1mm	
EYE RELIEF	3.7-4"	
FIELD OF VIEW	@100yds: 20.1-5.0ft	@100m: 6.7-1.68m
CLICK VALUE	1/4 MOA (20 MOA / REV)	1/10 MRAD (8 MRAD / REV)
ELEVATION ADJUSTMENT RANGE	65 MOA	18.9 MRAD
WINDAGE ADJUSTMENT RANGE	40 MOA	11.6 MRAD
MINIMUM PARALLAX	10 YDS	10 METERS
LENGTH	14.0"	356mm
WEIGHT	29.2oz	830g



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