ROESSLER

TITAN 6

The "Baskin Robbins of rifles" can be configured to more than 31 different flavors of proven cartridges.

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As any campfire debate will attest to, there's no one rifle cartridge that can do it all. There might be one gun, however: Meet the Titan 6.

The Rößler, often called the Roessler (Rowa) Titan 6, is an ultra-modern, accurate, interchangeable, rotary bolt-action rifle that gives hunters access to enough gun for any adventure. Any of them. With authority.

From antelope to zebras—not to mention Cape buffalo, coyotes, mountain sheep, Kodiak brown bears and elk—the Titan 6 and its ability to be configured to more than 31 different "flavors" of proven cartridges ensures any hunter who is willing to invest in the Titan 6 system will always have plenty of gun for the occasion.

(above) The Titan 6 is a rotary bolt-action rifle that enables shooters to change cartridges with nothing more than a hex wrench, new barrel, bolt and magazine. No special tools, lathes, wrenches or go/no-go gauges are needed.

While the idea of interchangeable-barreled rifles isn't new, the concept of one that offers a follow-up shot and is affordable is. The Titan 6 could be that gun. It just depends on what the word, "affordable," means to you.

What is Roessler (Rowa)? It's a small, family-owned and -operated firearms manufacturer in Kufstein, Austria, that started in 1996 by making custom and small-batch orders of single-shot rifles, shotgun rifles and bergstutzens. Due to high demand, Walter Rößler, the son of Erich Rößler, quickly joined the company. The Titan 6 was introduced in March 2002.

INSTANT GRATIFICATION

Austin Cole of TR Imports graciously lent me a Titan 6 with three different barrels in cartridges that ought to work for most game around Virginia. I got a .223 Remington and 6.5 Creedmoor and, for a bit more pep, a magnum-actioned 7mm Remington Magnum.

Now, I know a few of you might get sidetracked here and

The beautiful wood leaps out at you, with the Bavarian-style stock placing curves at every angle.

The craftsmanship of the rifle is seen in the metal, the fit and the wood. The pistol-grip plate proudly tells owners they have a Titan rifle in their hands.

erupt into a spirited debate about how a 6.5 Creedmoor makes a 7mm Remington Magnum unnecessary—or not. But you'd be missing the whole point of the Titan 6: You don't have to carry around a battery of rifles any more to cater your cartridge palette to your game's taste buds. All you need is a gun case that can hold a few extra barrels, different bolts, magazines, a 5mm Hex wrench and different ammo.

Thanks to the smart engineering idea of locking the bolt inside the barrel and not the receiver, you could change your cartridge in your hunting blind. Not only don't you need a lathe, you also don't need a barrel wrench, go/no-go gauges or lubrication. Sure, you'd need new ammo, the right dope for your optic and at least six to 10 minutes of quality time with your gun disassembled. Nevertheless, that's a small price to pay for knowing you can have just about any cartridge you want faster than you can say, "instant gratification."

By the way, there's no need to debate *why*. It's a personal choice, like what beer you drink, boots you wear or how you like your steak cooked. Who cares *why*? Care about the fact that you *can*! The critical thing to remember here is that the Titan 6 rifle is a real-world, do-it-all, bolt-action rifle platform that works—and it works well.

18 STOCK CONFIGURATIONS

Let's take a closer look at this wonder-gun.

The Titan 6 is a more robust version of the Titan 3. What's more robust? Well, three more lugs on the bolt head, giving the rifle the ability to handle medium- and large-bore cartridges such as the .308 Winchester and the all-world .375 Ruger. The latest version of the Titan 6 offers customers a rifle platform with 18 different stock configurations. Want a carbon stock? No problem. Wood? Yes. Want even fancier wood? Have at it. Bench rest? PSR? Absolutely. You get the idea.

The cockpit of the rifle action houses the tang safety, which can, and does, work easily and quietly with your thumb. The receiver is constructed of anodized aluminum and can be had in either black or silver. Roessler makes it for southpaws too. You already know you can get, at last count, 34 different barrel chambers (.222 Remington through .375 Ruger), and those barrels can be blued, stainless, fluted and even customized with special twist rates if you're so inclined.

The rotary bolt is described by Roessler as the "asymmetrically arranged

Shooters must match the bolt face to the cartridge they want to use. No problem: The Titan has a bolt face to fit more than 30 cartridges—from the .222 Remington up to the .375 Ruger.

Cartridge Choices

TITAN 3
(Three-lug version of the same rifle)
.222 Rem.
.223 Rem.
5.6x50 Mag.
.300 Whisper
.22-250 Rem.
6mm Norma BR
7.62x39

TITAN 6
.243 Win.
6.5x55 Se
6.5x57
6.5x65 RWS
7mm-08 Rem.
7x57
.308 Win.
.358 Win.
8x57 IS
.25-06 Rem.
.270 Win.
7x64
.30-06 Springfield
6.5x47 Lapua
6.5-284 Norma
9.3x62
8.5x63 Reb.
8x68S
6.5x68
7mm Rem. Mag.
.300 Win. Mag.
.375 Ruger
.270 WSM
.300 WSM
.338 Win. Mag.

The Schnabel tip adds a bit of extra class to this eloquent rifle.

six-lug bolt" that is locked directly in the barrel with only 60-degree bolt lift. The trigger choices aren't limited either. You can get a shotgun trigger or a single-set adjustable trigger. The six-lug bolt (The Titan 3 is a three-lugged bolt-action rifle) offers a swift, 60-degree short throw, along with being faster than bolts with longer throws. It also helps accommodate a lot of today's larger rifle scopes that have to be mounted higher on rifles with long bolt handle throws. The gun uses a removable magazine that holds three

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LOAD DATA

Load	Average Velocity (fps)	Best 3-Shot Group (inches)
6.5 CREEDMOOR DATA (1:8 TWIST)		
Barnes VOR-TX Long Range LRX 127-grain	2,800	.944
Hornady Precision Hunter 143-grain ELD-X	2,698	.904
Nosler Trophy Grade 129 AccuBond Long Range	2,835	.980
.223 REMINGTON DATA (1:12 TWIST)		
Hornady Varmint Express 55-grain V-Max	3,144	1.0
Barnes VOR-TX 55-grain TSX FB	3,122	1.4
Black Hills 55-grain Soft Point	3,166	1.1
7MM REMINGTON MAGNUM DATA (1:9.5 TWIST)		
Nosler Trophy Grade 160-grain AccuBond	2,901	1.1
Federal Power-Shok 150-grain Soft Point	3,094	1.3

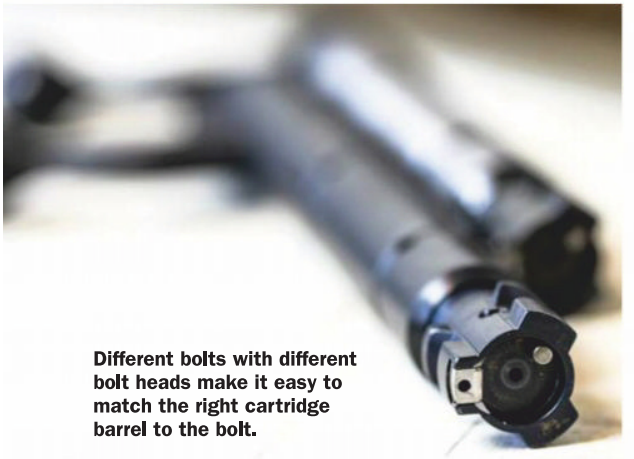
rounds for mini- and standard-length cartridges and two rounds for medium- and magnum-sized cartridges. The whole rifle, empty and without an optic, weighs in at about 6.4 pounds.

SHOOTING THE TITAN 6

So, how does this thing shoot? In two words: just fine.

I set up the Titan 6 with a Leupold VXIIC 3-9x40mm I had just upgraded through the Leupold Custom Shop. My best groups were with the 6.5 Creedmoor, using Hornady 143-grain ELD-X bullets. These gave me a best-of three-shot group measuring .904 inch. (Please note: There was always a significant shift in point of impact between barrel changes. It's to be expected, managed and accounted for as a shooter.)

The Titan 6 rifle is an excellent firearm—even if you never switch out the barrel. But, that's like saying a convertible Porsche 911 is an excellent car, even if you never put its top down. The Titan 6 platform was made for changing cartridges; and the engineering marvel that is the Titan 6 being able to routinely do just that with more-than-acceptable accuracy across a wide range of cartridge choices and personalities makes its price reasonable.



Different bolts with different bolt heads make it easy to match the right cartridge barrel to the bolt.

It really isn't that much more expensive than you'd expect to pay for most quality conventional bolt-action rifles. Titan 6 owners should expect to pay north of a $1,500 (starting price) and, depending on how the gun is configured, go much higher in cost accordingly.

There's a lot of practical logic to a one-gun, multi-barreled system such as the Titan 6 rifle. Shooters can learn the same trigger, use the same optic, check height, length of pull, etc. It breeds familiarity for a shooter, because the only thing changing is the amount of "thump" the rifle will deliver. Sure, a new cartridge setup will cost you about as much as a new rifle, but the value of a one-gun system might just overcome that sticker shock. **GDTM**

Few rifles offer the flexibility to go from the mild-mannered 6.5 Creedmoor to the peppier 7mm Remington Magnum ... but the Titan 6 does.