

Product Reviews

New Model Sight Drifter

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Steve Anderson has been at it again and is now offering a premium version of his Wyoming Sight Drifter. The original Wyoming Sight Drifter came on the market in late 2016. It is a rather wondrous little tool that should be in every rifleman's toolbox and gunroom. In my opinion, the Drifter replaces a hammer and punch as being the best way to adjust dovetailed sights, as well as move stubborn pins.

The formula for Kinetic Energy is $K.E. = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$. I had to dig back through some old files from the engineering school to understand why in the world the Wyoming Sight Driver works so well. From the formula, you can see that the mass of the object only contributes half of its value, while the velocity value is squared before it is divided by two. What this means is that the spring on the Drifter moves the two-ounce weight fast enough to be as effective as a much larger handheld hammer.

To operate the Drifter, the tip is held against the surface that you wish to move. The other end is drawn back, thus stretching the spring, and then released, which snaps the weight forward and drives the tip against the thing you are moving. It is easy to vary the amount of force being applied by altering how far you stretch the spring. Small little taps will easily move the sight the smallest amount, while stretching it way out will really smack it and move the most stubborn of sights. Being just a little larger than a writing pen, it is hard to believe how much force the Drifter can exert until you try it. Just to see what it would do, I took one out to the shop and drove a 16 penny nail through a couple of pine 2x4s. I was amazed.

The new, premium version of the Sight Drifter works the same as the original, but has the added advantage of offering interchangeable tips. The brass tips are retained by a small spring and easily slide in and out to change them. A vinyl storage case stores four different diameters that should fit most situations where something in addition to the original large, blunt tip is needed. Aluminum and nylon replacement tips are in the plans as well. The new version



The new Premium Model Wyoming Sight Drifter.

is also finely finished with rich bluing and polished brass collars. It is a beautifully made, high-quality tool.

By the time you read this, the Premium Wyoming Sight Drifter should be available from such fine establishments as SPG Sales by calling 660-988-4099 or visiting shopspg.net. Buffalo Arms Company can be reached at 208-263-6953 or visit buffaloarms.com. Contact Shiloh Sharps Rifle Company at 406-932-4266 or shilohrifle.com, or call Wyoming Sight Drifters at 307-421-2127 or visit wyomingsightdrifter.com. The premium version with four tips and the vinyl case retails for \$105, while the original version will continue to be available and retails for \$35. In addition to being a very handy tool that will become a standard part of your shooting kit, they also make excellent gifts. If you haven't already, do yourself a favor and get one on order.



The Wyoming Sight Drifter makes removing the lever pivot pin on a Low Wall Winchester rifle a breeze.