

AS SEEN IN OUTDOOR LIFE



**ALPEN
20-60X80**

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GREAT
BUY**

Though not in a class with large-objective scopes that cost \$1,000

or more, this 80mm Alpen scope, which retails for just \$399, performed remarkably well. The optical resolution (a measurement of image sharpness) was 1.8 seconds of angle, meaning that it is capable of revealing target details as small as 1/32 of an inch at a distance of 100 yards.

Due to the great light-gathering ability of the 80mm objective, the scope performs superbly in low light. The 45-degree eyepiece is especially useful for viewing astronomical objects or anything at a steep upward angle, such as game on mountainsides or birds in trees. And thanks to the rotating tripod mount, it's ideal for use on shooting benches. Accessories include the tripod and a handy carrying case.

	PRICE	OVERALL RATING	IMAGE QUALITY	LOW-LIGHT PERFORMANCE	DESIGN	PRICE/VALUE	COMMENTS
SPOTTING SCOPES							
Leupold Golden Ring 12-40x60 ED 800-929-4949; leupold.com	\$1,250						EDITOR'S CHOICE Crystal-clear optics with long eye relief. Unique design utilizes mirrors to reduce size.
Pentax PF-65ED 20-60X 800-877-0155; pentaximaging.com	\$799						Great optical quality in a compact package. Eyepiece adds to viewing comfort. Reasonably priced.
Brunton Eterna 18-38x50 ED 800-443-4871; brunton.com	\$599						"Amazing performance for a scope with a 50mm objective," wrote one tester. Great value, slender design.
Alpen 20-60x80 877-987-8370; alpenoutdoor.com	\$399						GREAT BUY The 45-degree eyepiece makes this a comfortable scope for the shooting range.
Sightron SII 20-60x63 800-867-7512; sightron.com	\$762						Everyone on the test team was critical of the color aberrations that were present in this glass.
Bushnell Sentry Ultra Compact 12-36x50 800-423-3537; bushnell.com	\$150						Very compact and easy to pack. Its small size limited its performance when matched against larger models.
Ratings Guide (Out of a possible 100)		FAIR (60-69)	GOOD (70-79)	VERY GOOD (80-89)	EXCELLENT (90-100)		



rubber-armored body is made of magnesium for rugged durability and, like all Leupold Golden Ring products, it's guaranteed to be waterproof and fogproof. Included is a soft-side, form-fitting case that can remain on the scope during use. The scope can be purchased as part of a kit that includes a compact tripod, a window mount and a digital camera adapter, all in a rugged hard-side case.