



# NATIONAL TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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## NTOA Product Testing Program



Does your product have this logo associated with it?

The NTOA is pleased to present its new product field evaluation program. This program is designed to provide law enforcement product manufacturers with a process to have their products field tested by the law enforcement community. It also ensures the law enforcement community the product has been field tested and is recommend by there peers.

### How the Program works:

A company must send the NTOA two or more samples of a product. The NTOA will then select an active member to test the product (Field Tester). Field testers will be required to test and complete a product review form within 30-45 days of receiving the product. Products will be tested and a score on a scale of 1 to 5 will be given in 13 possible test categories. The rating scale is as follows:

**5 — Excellent.** Defined as a product that performs at a level above advertised specifications and demonstrates its usefulness and quality of workmanship every time it is used and can be used for other purposes.

**4 — Very Good.** Defined as a product that exceeds advertised specifications on a regular basis and outperforms others in usefulness and quality of workmanship.

**3 — Average.** Defined as a product the meets minimum advertised specifications, has practical use, but does not go above or beyond the scope of quality or usefulness that is expected.

**2 — Fair.** Defined as a product that has occasional applications and in some situations meets advertised specifications, but overall is not effective.

**1 — Poor.** Defined as a product that does not meet minimum advertised specifications needed to make the product useful, product does meet any of its practical purposes.

The rating categories are:

1. **Design**
2. **Performance**
3. **Ease of Use**
4. **Size**
5. **Quality**
6. **Durability**
7. **Storage**
8. **Versatility**
9. **Convenience**
10. **Application for Law Enforcement**
11. **Comfort**
12. **Cleaning/ Maintenance**
13. **Accuracy**

- A product must have the ability to be rated in at least six categories. In addition to the numerical rating a short written explanation identifying the advantages and disadvantages of the product must be submitted with the rating sheet.
- Products must be tested by at least two field testers to ensure a fair test. If a product has a very specific use, please indicate the use, so we can properly place the product with a qualified field tester.
- Products receiving a rating of 3.0 or higher will receive NTOA Field Tester Recommended Status and be allowed to affix the NTOA Member Tested & Recommended Logo to the product materials. They will also be published in *The Tactical Edge* and on the web site.
- Products that score lower than 3.0 will not receive approval. Test results will be sent to the company in hopes that the company can improve on the product and resubmit it for testing. However, this information will be made available to law enforcement
- Companies are encouraged to allow field testers to keep products. Products will not be returned to the company unless the product is found to be defective. If the company requires the product to be returned, there will be a fee for shipping and handling even if the company is a sponsor.

**Please note that this is not product endorsement from the NTOA. It is a recommendation by the law enforcement community.**

There are testing fees associated with this program for coordination, product handling and shipping, and a year end review booklet.

**Fee Structure:**

- \$0-\$500 a fee of \$50 must be paid.
- \$501-\$1000 a fee of \$100 must be paid.
- \$1001 and over will assessed a 10% handling fee.

If the company submitting a product is a current NTOA Platinum, Gold or Silver Sponsor:

- Platinum can have 6 products tested at no fee
- Gold can have 4 products tested at no fee
- Silver can have 2 products tested at no fee

Companies who have had products tested to date:

- Atlanco
- Accu Shot
- Asia Paintball Supply
- ASP
- Bianchi
- ESS Goggles
- Hatch
- Streamlight
- Under Armour
- M16 Clinic
- International Safety Instruments
- Toolshed
- Mercob Technologies
- Television Equipment Associates
- Winchester
- IBD Products
- Bates

And more...

To have your product(s) tested, please send product(s) and form to:

NTOA  
Attn: Product Testing Program  
4050 Skyron Dr, Suite D1  
Doylestown, PA 18901

Please send photos of the product being tested in the following format: .jpg, tif, eps or a hard copy photo.

## **NOTICE**

The NTOA Member Tested and Recommended program is designed as a service to assist the association's membership in selecting the best products available to the tactical community. NTOA does not provide a warranty, expressed or implied, or guarantee any of the products that have been tested and approved. NTOA assumes no liability for the use or misuse of any of the featured products.

**Company Product Submission Form**

COMPANY NAME:(How it should appear in the magazine)

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POINT OF  
CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX  
NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRODUCT BEING TESTED

(How it should appear in the magazine) \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL  
REQUIREMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS YOUR FIRST PRODUCT SUBMISISON? YES OR NO

ARE YOU A: SILVER, GOLD, OR PLATINUM CORPORATE SPONSOR? YES OR NO

\_\_\_\_\_ understand the terms of this  
program and would like to have our products tested. (Signature of Company Rep)

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee payment: Check or Credit Card:

\_\_\_\_\_ exp \_\_\_\_\_  
American Express, Visa, or Master Card

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