

Eberlee Stock Gunslinger Pack

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I can remember many times while in the Marine Corps going out on missions that I wish I had a better way to carry my Sniper Weapon System. While Operational Snipers don't want the enemy to know they are in the area and we try to blend in with the grunts as much as possible because we don't want to stand out to other enemy Snipers. So our method of carry was to carry our SWS muzzle down by the sling near the side of our body to hide the outline of the weapon. Well for anyone who has never humped an 80+ pound pack on your back up and down mountains thru the jungle and wooded areas while carrying your rifle at your side by the sling tends to be a bit cumbersome. The other disadvantage to this is working in a 2 or 4 man team you are lacking firepower already and to have a bolt gun as your primary weapon in an ambush isn't the best of situations. Many times I had tried to rig my SWS to my pack so I could carry a M-16 or M-4 as a means to defend myself. With many attempts made nothing really worked. It would cause my pack to lean one way and be too heavy on one side that it wasn't comfortable to wear. Also the weapon wasn't readily accessible to put into operation. We knew what we wanted and needed but we couldn't figure out how to get to the end solution.

Well the days of trying to rig up your pack to carry your SWS so that you can have both hands free to carry another weapon is finally here thanks to Glenn Eberlee of Eberlee stock gear company. I was referred to Glenn through a friend of mine who said he found the solution to the problem of patrolling with your SWS in your hands. Boy was he correct.

Upon talking with Glen we received a package with his Gunslinger pack inside. Opening the box revealed a very slim but long pack that was made with comfort of the wearer in mind. The pack has many oversized pieces of padding for the wearers back to press against. The pack had 3 zippered areas externally for you to place items into them. Two of the three areas were lined with a soft felt like material to protect what you put into them. On the outside there was a small elastic top pocket for you to place a water bottle or other item in. The outside of the pack was covered on its sides and exterior rear area with numerous MOLLE attachment points for you to add exterior pouches and gear to. The inside area of the pack is sectioned off nicely to add in organizing your gear and hold it in place. But last but not least the lifesaver of the whole Eberlee Stock design is the built in rifle scabbard. Between these nice fluffy pieces of foam on your back and the main pack area is a scabbard built in to allow you to place your rifle system muzzle down and a fast Tec attached padded cover that can be clipped overtop of the stock of the weapon to keep dirt, sand and the rain off your weapon.

Placing the pack on you will quickly see that the pack is not only comfortable but also perfectly balanced. The first time I placed mine on with my rifle I couldn't even tell I had the rifle behind me. This is important when you are walking up and down steep hills or mountains while hunting or conducting military operations. The packs setup allowed for easy movement and also freed up the wearer's hands for whatever else he needs and you don't have to worry about carrying the weapons system. The other neat thing is

the way this pack is setup you can remove the gun from the pack without taking the pack off your back. If you were in a military situation you could reach up and pull your weapon out and employ it with little to know effort, or if you were hunting and hiking to your tree stand you stumble on that trophy buck you can get your rifle out without disturbing your prey.

Team Blaster currently uses the Eberlee stock gunslinger packs for the numerous tactical rifle and sniper competitions we shoot around the country. The size of this pack is perfect. It allows us to carry just the right amount of gear and stops us from overloading the pack with items that are not needed. On average I can usually carry all my match related items and still have plenty of left over room for other items if needed. My basic load for a tactical match is usually 2 quarts of water, MRE and some snack food, Spotting scope and tripod. Shooting sticks or shooting tripod unit, data book, 100 rounds of ammunition, Gortex top and bottom, small medical kit, Red Tac rear bean bag and a another warming layer type of shirt,

Eberlee Stock has made a lot of modifications since are initial packs and he know offers a few models that give you much more internal space inside the pack to carry even more of that operational gear that you need to take with you. Check out there Skycrane pack and there All in One pack which has some really unique features like the removable drag back system. I cant say enough how durable, comfortable and well thought these packs are. No mater if you are a tactical shooter, in the Military or Law Enforcement and have a need to carry a pack and a SWS I highly recommend that you look into one of these packs and find the one that fits your need. You will not be disappointed.