

## New From Mossberg, and Other Good Stuff



*The CRKT Halfchance parang and Survival Para-saw Bracelet.*

In the November 2013 issue of Texas Outdoors Journal I did a piece on the marvelous Mossberg MVP Patrol rifle in 5.56 NATO/.223. From the time I first saw one at the SHOT Show in Las Vegas to getting my hands on one to test took a year and a half because they were selling all they could make. It was worth the wait, but by the time I received that rifle they had announced it was now available in 7.62 NATO/.308. I immediately ordered the new chambering and I'm thrilled to announce delivery only took four months. As I mentioned in the prior article "do not" chamber ammunition marked 5.56 in a barrel marked .223. You can shoot .223 in a 5.56. It is a bullet seating/chamber pressure issue. This is not the case with the 7.62/.308 Win ammunition.

Though various configurations and colors are available the real deal is the Mossberg MVP Patrol Scoped Combo Package in 7.62mm NATO. It carries a 16.25 inch button rifled medium bull barrel sporting a threaded A2 style flash suppressor. It is shipped with removable thread protector cap in case you want to shoot without the A2 or go through the hassle to purchase a silencer. The barrel mounted adjustable rear and front sight with fiber optic offer backup to the included 3 to 9 by 32mm scope mounted on a Picatinny Rail with one of the slickest quick detachable mounting systems I've encountered. The scope has illuminated reticle choices of red or green with the turn of a knob.

The MVP Patrol is based on the classic

Mossberg 4X4 bolt action with a fluted bolt. The firing mechanism is Mossberg's patented Lightning Bolt Action Trigger System that is shooter adjustable from 2 to 7 pounds. There is a non-reflective matte blue finish on all metal. The black textured stock with stippling on the pistol grip has a slip on neoprene cheek pad with foam comb raising inserts and front and rear sling swivel studs. A 10 round magazine is included and the rifle accepts M1A, M14 and AR-10 magazines. Go to [www.Brownells.com](http://www.Brownells.com) to order magazines that hold 5, 10, 15 and 20 rounds. With an

overall length of 36.5 inches and a loaded weight of 8 pounds, the MVP Patrol Rifle is a great value. Check all models at [www.mossberg.com](http://www.mossberg.com).

Gun store shelves are filled with various cleaning products and I have tried most of them. I received a sample of a new one with a knife I ordered awhile back and believe it is the all-around best I have used.

SEAL 1 CLP PLUS (Clean,Lube,Protect) is a non-toxic Green Engineered™ biodegradable cleaner, lubricant, protectant made from "bio-based" ingredients all made in the USA. The beauty of this is that one product can eliminate the need for a shelf full of solvents and lube. As a cleaner it dissolves carbon on contact and creates a fouling resistant barrier against copper, lead, dirt and more. As a lubricant it shortens cleaning time and continued use seems to make slides and bolts run smoother. The protectant qualities take care of concerns about rust and corrosion, plus water beads on a treated surface. CLP Plus is O.K. for plastic, rubber and urethane and it preserves and moistens o-rings, nylon and rubber parts. What is not to like about user friendly, earth friendly, money clip friendly on one



*Seal 1 Complete Gun Care Kit.*



*The Mossberg MVP Patrol Rifle and extra magazines.*

package.

The product line includes Seal1 CLP Plus in paste, liquid and spray applications, plus a line of pre-saturated cleaning patches. The best deal is the Complete Gun Care Kit that comes with a 4-ounce container of CLP Plus Gun Care Paste, 4-ounces of CLP liquid, a pre-saturated EZ-Cloth, a 12x12 micro fiber cloth, and a nylon bristle brush and some Q-Tips to reach tiny places. You can safely apply CLP with your fingers and it is not yucky. An

added benefit is that, at least to my nose, it smells like bubble gum. If your gun store does not carry the Seal 1 line you can order on the internet at [www.Seal1.net](http://www.Seal1.net).

Columbia River Knife and Tool is again cutting up the competition with their collaboration with great custom knife designers. Ken Onion has designed a big survival blade based on the traditional Southeast Asian blade shape known as a parang. The Halfchance survival parang has a 14 inch blade of carbon steel blade

with a black powder coat for protection from the elements. The weight forward drop point has serious cutting power, but is very light and quick in the hand due to balance and the over-molded ergonomic handle. It comes in a reinforced nylon sheath with a unique velcro belt loop system that offers carry options. At \$ 69.99 retail it leaves change for another Ken Onion design.

The Onion Survival Para-Saw paracord survival bracelet is braded of 9 feet of paracord ready when you need it. Hidden inside is a plastic cased tungsten carbide coated wire saw for limb cutting. Stylish and only \$ 24.99. Now add the clip on compass, LED and fire starter combo accessory. It's made from a durable injection molded, glass filled nylon that will stand up to rough weather and high adventure. The magnesium fire rod is 1.125 inches long and detaches from the main housing to set tinder ablaze. The LED light has an included LR41 battery that's ready for use and replaceable. You know what the compass is for. Add \$ 16.99 at check out and this is very inexpensive backup. All may be viewed at [www.crkt.com](http://www.crkt.com) **T&J**