

## The Hard Hitting 50 Yard Zero...

### ...Why You Should Zero Your Red Dot At This Versatile Distance



Hi! RDshooters here once again...

If you've ever asked the question: *What's the best distance to zero my Red Dot?*

Then I have some interesting information to share with you!

To begin, you have to UNDERSTAND that there is considerable debate on this topic

Some shooters swear by a 25 yard zero...Others like the old and reliable 100 yard zero...

And then there are those like me who champion the 50 yard zero.

Now, I'm not going to knock my friends out there who use 100 or 25 yard zeros.

Those distances, without a doubt, have their own advantages, and you're always going to have some level of give and take when it comes to zeroing optics.

But I strongly believe, that the 50 yard zero outperforms the other distances when you consider the most important factors.

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## **Reason 1: The 50 Yard Zero Is Incredibly VERSATILE At Several Shooting Distances...**

### **Here's a SECRET...**

Don't tell anyone, but the 50 yard zero is sometimes called the 50/200 yard zero...

This is because a zero at 50 yards, while not being exactly the same, is pretty darn close to a 200 yard zero.

Now, just how close is largely dependent on your particular rifle and ammunition choice.

So, you always want to experiment with your own equipment.

However, despite these factors the 50 and 200 yard zeros should be hitting in nearly the same spot.

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Now, it's pretty difficult to see a small target at 200 yards with a red dot, but seeing a target at 50 yards is extremely manageable.

And in most situations you won't even be able to tell that there's a small difference between the two zeros, especially when you're shooting off hand.

### What Happens When You Shoot At 100 Yards?



Even when you're shooting at 100 yards, a 50 yard zero will impact fairly close to your actual point of aim.

You'll probably be hitting about an inch high at this distance, but for most practical sized targets, this means you can aim directly at your target and still make solid hits.

### What About At 25 Yards?

At 25 yards, a 50 yard zero will continue to impact close to your point of aim.

You'll probably be hitting about 2 and a half inches low at this distance.

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Here's the deal, it's actually really easy to hold slightly over your intended target when your shooting at close distances.

Additionally, practical sized targets at 25 yards appear ENORMOUS when you're shooting at them and are naturally very easy to hit.

So in the end, the 50 yard zero can really simplify shooting for you because...

it does an amazing job of allowing you to aim and shoot despite the close or far distance of your target!

## Reason 2: 50 Yards Is An Extremely PRACTICAL Range To Shoot...



Quite frankly, most gun owners rely on their weapons for self defense.

They know bad things happen to good people and often feel duty-bound to protect the ones they hold dear.

Now, I SINCERELY hope it NEVER happens to you...

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But, if you were ever forced to use your firearm in self defense, with a 50 yard zero your rifle would be ready to go at any reasonable distance.

This is an incredibly SERIOUS topic, and you need to take time considering real-life self defense scenarios.

For example, a criminal breaking in to your home in the middle of the night is a common self defense scenario.

In that situation, you wouldn't be shooting at 100 yards.

If fact, in most realistic self defense scenarios, the likelihood of shooting past 50 yards is actually quite small.

So, you need to set your rifle up with these considerations in mind...

And as I mentioned in the first section of this article, a 50 yard zero allows you to aim and make hits at several distances.

### **Reason 3: The 50 Yard Zero Is ATTAINABLE For Most Shooters...**

I've been shooting for several years now, and while not being the greatest shooter out there, I am a competent shooter with years of practical experience.

Shooting a red dot accurately at 50 yards is very possible for you, even if you're a beginner.

However, this might not be the case at further distances...

For example, at 100 yards a small target becomes fairly difficult to see.

Even when you're using an optic with a precise point of aim like a 1 or 2 MOA (Minute Of Angle) dot...

it can be challenging to really focus in on a small aiming point.

And this problem becomes even worse if you're like me and have less-than-perfect eyesight (I wear contacts).

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To put it simply, you might struggle to produce groups small enough...

to EFFECTIVELY zero your red dot.

### **HOWEVER...**

At 50 yards, the target isn't really too far away.

And if you choose a high visibility target...

you should be able to focus in on a small point of aim.

A consistent point of aim is going to be critical for you when zeroing your optic because without it, your shot groups will open up...

And you won't be able to track where your firearm is truly hitting.

### **BONUS Tip!**

Aim at the smallest area of your target that you can consistently see.

For example, if your target is made up of a grid of one inch squares...

Don't just aim at the one inch square in the center of your target.

Aim at one of the corners on that one inch square!

To do this effectively, you need an optic that offers you precision.

For this reason, I always prefer smaller MOA dot sizes on my optics.

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For me, 1 or 2 MOA red dots are ideal, and any size larger than 3 MOA is just too big because it covers up too much of my target.

Now with that said, if you are having trouble shooting small groups at 50 yards...

I recommend you check out my article discussing [How To Improve Your Shooting by clicking this link](#).

This should set you on the right path, and you'll be able to zero your optic without too much of a hassle.

**To Conclude, The 50 Yard Zero Is A WINNER for YOU Because it's...**



One...VERSATILE as several shooting distances.

Two...PRACTICAL and REALISTIC for self defense.

Three...ATTAINABLE for shooters who are working to improve their skills.

So get out there RIGHT NOW and start dialing in you red dot at 50 yards!

**Now, if you have a rifle, but haven't yet purchased on a red dot for it...**

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Then I highly recommend you look in to the Holosun HS503c.

To me, it is by far the best red dot sight for the money, and if you're interested...

You should check out my full review by clicking the link below:

==> [Read My Full Review of the Holosun HS503c Here](#)

Farewell, and have fun at the range!

-RDshooters