

## TEMPORARY STOCK ADJUSTMENT

Dear Technoid:

I've been stuck at the 23x25 mark at trap when using my lower stocked field gun and I guess the way over the hump will be to get a gun with the trap stock. Any suggestions?

Thanks again for your help. Kevin

Dear Kevin:

If you want to find out if a higher stock will help your trap scores, here is an easy way to experiment. Get a roll of that silver duct tape (or just about any other tape with a bit of thickness) and layer it on the top of the comb to build up the height. You can experiment and get it just the way you like it. I suggest that you might try adding tape until you see a "figure eight" where the center bead is just under the front bead. You should see this figure 8 when your head is tucked in pretty firmly. Try it that way when you shoot and see if it helps. Add or subtract tape until you are centering targets at your yardage.

When you put the tape on, make sure not to droop it over the sides of the comb so that it makes the comb thicker and pushes your face off to the side. This will make your gun shoot to the left (if you are right handed). You just want to add height. Also, do not use moleskin in place of silver tape. It has too much "give". You want something that is hard and duplicates wood.

Sometimes the edges of the silver tape can be a little abrasive to the face. You might want to use one piece of smooth masking tape on top of everything.

Taping guns is how I normally experiment when I am setting up my O/Us (provided that the stock is initially too low or has too much cast off- as most of them are for me). I keep loading tape on until I get my point of impact just right, mark a "X" in ballpoint where I put my cheek, and take it to the stock bender. This way he can measure it and bend it perfectly for me. Works great on my O/Us.

By taping your gun, you can find out if a trap stock would help your scores. Don't be afraid to experiment. Tape is cheap and if you don't like it, you just take it off.

Also, remember if you find that a higher stock helps and you don't want to invest in a new stock, you can always have your current stock bent up. It usually costs less than \$100 and a good stock bender will do it without any cosmetic changes.

Best regards,  
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