

Parker ThunderHawk

I spent over a decade working as a service technician/salesperson for an archery pro shop that my family owned for eight of those years. In our market, the most common crossbow consumer I dealt with was the senior citizen. I quickly learned that, when it comes to physical ability, there's no such thing as a "typical" senior. My 74-year-old grandfather, for example, is not someone I'd want to arm wrestle. He jumps out of bed in the morning, stretches for a moment, and then walks off like a 20-year-old.

But not all elderly hunters have the kind of health my grandfather does. You can imagine the trouble some older hunters might have lifting and operating a big, clunky crossbow, let alone hauling it through the woods. Fortunately, crossbows seem to get lighter and more compact all the time without compromising speed and efficiency.



↑ The dual string suppressor pads are durable enough to withstand shot after shot, and they help make the ThunderHawk a silent killing machine.



↑ Ergonomic and textured, the ThunderHawk's pistol grip offers benchmark comfort and enhanced control for stable aiming. The G2 Bull-Pup Trigger is light with no travel, delivering unparalleled accuracy and performance.

Out of the Park

Parker Bows offers a number of quality, affordable crossbows that hunters of all sizes and physical-ability levels find easy to maneuver. With the ThunderHawk—formerly known as the Tomahawk—Parker hit a grand slam. This crossbow pairs an ultra-modern, tactical look with a compact, lightweight design to bring you one of today's hottest horizontal bows.

Like a Feather

Optimally balanced, the ThunderHawk is like a feather to handle in the face of hardcore hunting conditions. With a mass weight of just 6.5 pounds, the ThunderHawk is easy to tote. I have handled dozens of different crossbows over the years, and only an elite few are balanced and feathery like the ThunderHawk. Parker used Advanced Split Limb Technology with the integrated Fulcrum Pocket System to make the ThunderHawk so compact and airy.

As I fired bolts from the ThunderHawk, I quickly noticed just how compact it was. With an axle-to-axle width at just a smidge over 20 inches and with an overall length of 34.25 inches, the ThunderHawk is perfect for hunting in even tight quarters.

Hooking up a rope cocker on the ThunderHawk is a snap due to the short 10.75-inch power stroke and condensed stock size. But if you think that such an undersized power stroke means this crossbow isn't very fast, you're in for a big surprise.

That's Movin'!

Despite its small body and petite power stroke, the ThunderHawk is a smoker. My 400-grain bolts sliced the air at a sizzling 322 feet per second. I am just amazed that a crossbow with such a short power stroke can achieve such high velocity. I shot it again through the chronograph just to be sure. Same reading! The ThunderHawk is able to achieve that speed thanks to its highly efficient cam system.

Deadly Accurate, Deadly Quiet

I shot the ThunderHawk in cold conditions and without a bench rest. The ThunderHawk lives up to its tactical design with its spot-on accuracy. Group after group, the ThunderHawk



Arrow Speed

20-inch Test Arrow – Parker Bolt
Arrow Weight – 402 GR.
Kinetic Energy – 92.6 Foot-Pounds
Arrow Speed – 322 FPS

Specifications

Length	34.25 inches
Width Axle-to-Axle	20.375 inches
Power Stroke	10.75 inches
Draw Weight	160#
Mass Weight w/o Accessories	6.5 pounds
Finish	Advantage Timber

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packs a tight arrow bouquet.

Dual string suppressor pads catch the string to silence the shot, and are durable enough to withstand the torture of shot-after-shot string slap. The ThunderHawk is a silent killer.

Comfort by Design

The Parker ThunderHawk is designed for the hunt, not just the shooting bench. I say this because the demands of the hunt outweigh the shooting bench in spades. First of all, practicing from a shooting bench doesn't really require a no-travel trigger in order to hit bull's-eyes, but a light, no-travel trigger is a must for off-hand shooting without any sort of a rest—the kinds of shots you make while hunting. If you have to sit there and squeeze, the crosshairs will begin to float and jerk all over the target, making it very unlikely you'll achieve a deadly kill shot. When you settle the crosshairs on the crease of a whitetail's shoulder, you should be able to apply a small amount of pressure to fire the crossbow. The ThunderHawk's advanced G2 Bull-Pup Trigger delivers those results.

The ThunderHawk features an ergonomic, textured pistol grip that provides both comfort and rock-solid stability. Again,



↑ The Parker ThunderHawk utilizes Advanced Split Limb Technology to pack a punch and withstand the demands of hardcore hunting.

those are aspects that have little effect on the bench, but an enormous effect on the hunt, particularly when you're dressed in warm hunting apparel. To top it off, Parker designed the cheek piece on the stock to comfortably accommodate your cheekbone, allowing for a full objective view through the scope. Fighting to see through your scope is a thing of yesterday with the incredible fit and feel of the ThunderHawk.



↑ To ensure safety, the Parker ThunderHawk's forearm is vented and features a Safety Finger Flange to remind the shooter to keep fingers out of the string path.

Rocking and Ready

The ThunderHawk includes a four-arrow detachable quiver and four bolts tipped with field points, and is available in two optic packages. The Outfitter Package offers your choice of one of three scopes. From a soft transportation case to broadheads, the Perfect Storm Package comes completely outfitted with Red Hot accessories. For the hunter who wants to write one check and get everything they need for diehard hunting, the Perfect Storm Package is a welcome option.

Safety is a Priority

The Parker ThunderHawk—as well as Parker's other crossbow models—boasts an auto-engage, ambidextrous safety. This means that when you cock the string, the safety automatically goes to the “on” position. Parker also uses an auto-engage, anti-dry-fire mechanism that won't allow the crossbow to fire without having a bolt loaded. And, with the Safety Finger Flange integrated into a vented forearm, the shooter is reminded to keep fingers out of the string path, even in adrenaline-crazed hunting situations. The ThunderHawk is a safe crossbow, period.

If you have been looking for a very compact, optimally balanced crossbow that smokes, look no further than the Parker ThunderHawk. ☑

