

Walther KK500: the end of a successful year

The first year for competitors with Walther's new top-of-the-line small-bore rifle has come to an end with some big successes. Denmark's Torben Grimmel, shooting in the prone discipline, won another silver medal at the World Cup finals in Bologna, Italy, in early October after previous World Cup victories in Bangkok, Munich and Baku. He had received his KK500 only at the start of the season. The rifle with the innovative breech located far back, which can be converted without tools for right- or left-handed operation, is being used by more and more top shooters around the globe. Ex-world champion Peter Sidi (Hungary) and Milenko Sebic (Serbia), for example, have already switched (2nd place for 3 x 40 shots at the World Cup in Munich). Among the women, Ivana Maksimovic from Serbia (multiple World Cup winner) and Franziska Peer from Austria (World Cup silver in Bak) have also opted for a 500.

A major reason for purchasing the KK500 is its modular system. Walther offers four different barrels: 690 mm in blued carbon steel (the most popular version, also used by Grimmel) or stainless steel. The 650-mm carbon steel barrel is four centimeters shorter and is also available in a "light" version with a smaller barrel diameter. All four deliver the same shooting performance with selected ammunition, but the choice of barrel affects the balance in a firing position. Additionally, one can choose between two different stocks – the Expert with an aluminum profile and the Anatomic with a laminated wood stock – and install (or retrofit) an electronic trigger instead of the mechanical trigger module. These options cover every imaginable need. Left-handers, for example, only need a left-handed grip and can make the switch to left-handed operation, including cartridge feed and casing ejection, in a matter of minutes. For further information visit www.carl-walther.com.

