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# Premium Hunting Arrows

As an industry leader in carbon arrows, Gold Tip is proud to offer a complete line of premium hunting arrows. With options like our original all-around Hunter line, the speed of our Velocity line, or the hard-hitting power of our Kinetic line, Gold Tip's diverse lineup of hunting arrows offers any bowhunter the arrow they need to become more successful in the field.

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# **All-Around Versatility**

The sport of bowhunting can often lead to challenging situations and conditions. Gold Tip's Hunter family of arrows provide the versatility to meet the demands of every level and challenge you may come up against. Providing speed, stability and strength, thanks to Gold Tip's Smart Carbon technology, the Hunters have become the "go-to" hunting arrows for many thousands of bowhunters.







Premium Hunting Arrows



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# INCLUDED COMPONENTS



## INSERTS F.A.C.T. SYSTEM





### POINTS



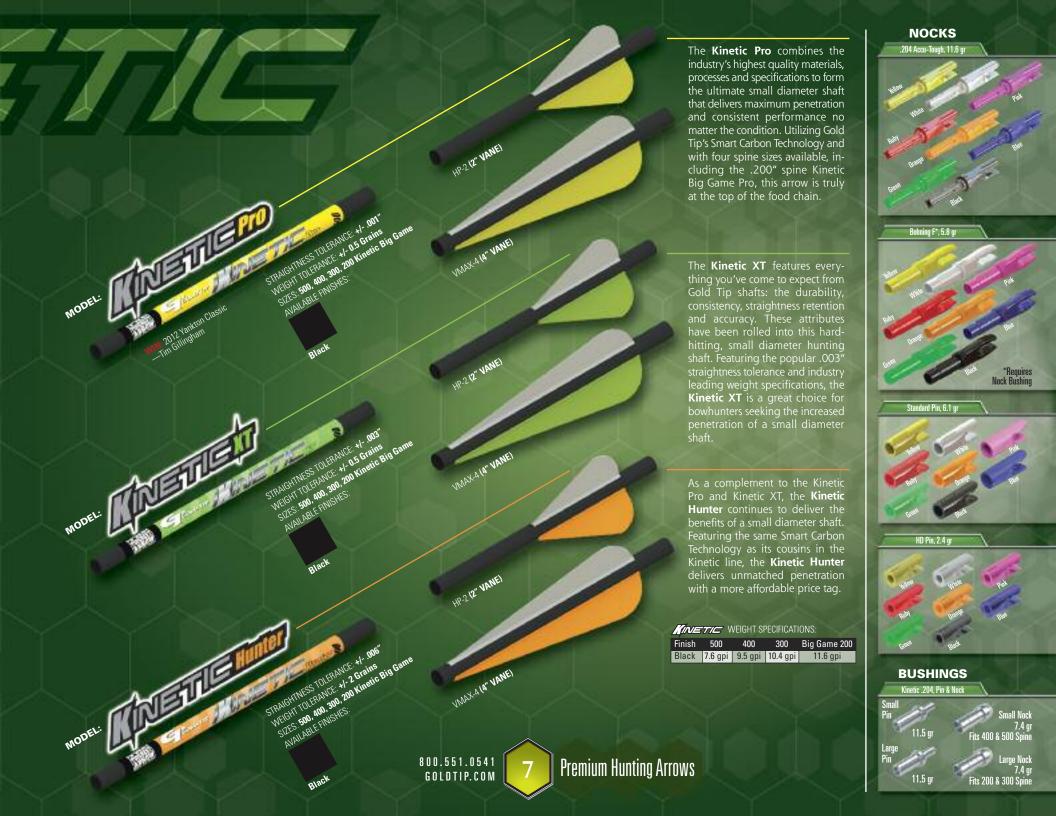


EZ Pull, 125 gr

All points and inserts are designed to accept Gold Tip's F.A.C.T. system, allowing you to customize your arrows Front Of Center balance (FOC).











# Specialty Hunting Arrows

In addition to our mainline hunting arrows, Gold Tip proudly offers a variety of specialized hunting arows designed to meet the unique wants and needs of discerning bowhunters. From our heavy traditional arrows to our selection of "Nuge" shafts, Gold Tip's specialty hunting arrows provide numerous options for the distinctive archer.

# Tedshugent

# Wildly Tough. Wildly Accurate.

Ted Nugent doesn't do anything "half way." And when he asked Gold Tip to make his Signature Series arrows, he told us the same. They needed to be stronger, faster, and harder hitting. After all, if you're going to "Wack'em and stack'em" you need arrows that can make it happen. The Ted Nugent Signature Series offers three distinct choices to get the job done, each with its own unique Nugent style.







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smart carbon technology







Finish 1535/600 3555/500 5575/400 7595/300 Wood Grain 7.8 gpi 8.6 gpi 9.3 gpi 11.0 gpi

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### BIG GAME 250 INCLUDED COMPONENTS

.246 Insert & Nocks

Accu-Lite
12.1 gr
GT Series
.246 White
.246 Flo Orange

### BIG GAME 200 INCLUDED COMPONENTS

Accu-Tough .204

Large Insert, 24.8 gr
Fits 300 & 200 Spine

White

Flo Orange





#### **FALCON**

Accu-Lite .246
Insert

12.1 gr

.246 GT Series
Nocks

Orange

#### LIGHTNING

Included Components



#### **FIBERGLASS**

Included Component





Gold Tip proved to be a dominant force on the tournament circuit again in 2012. We had the pleasure of adding "new blood" to the Gold Tip Pro Staff, which led to deeper success in the realm of 3-D, indoor and field archery competition. From amateur levels, to the pros; local tournaments to world titles – Gold Tip has helped shooters hit the mark every step of the way and find success!

Pro men/Pro women/Pro Senior top ten finishes	227	
Pro Men Top Ten	102	
Top 3 in Amateur and Pro combined	308	
IBO Triple Crown Champions	10	
ASA Shooter of the Year Champions	7	
Pro Men's "Rookie of the Year" Ju	Justin Bethel	
Pro Women's "Rookie of the Year" Cher	i Klawitter	

Results are from 21 monitored tournaments supported by Gold Tip's contingency programs.

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Gold Tip Pro Staff

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Precision Target Arrows

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Gold Tip Pro Staff







# Pro Men's 1st place wins for the year

1st ASA Monroe, LA	Levi Morgan	Triple X Pro	
1st ASA Paris,TX	Jamie Jamison	Ultralight Pro X-cutter	
1st ASA Augusta, GA	Levi Morgan	Triple X Pro	
1st ASA Metropolis, IL	Levi Morgan	Triple X Pro	
1st -1st leg IBO Triple Crown, Bedford, IN	Levi Morgan	Ultralight Pro X-cutter	
1st-3rd Leg IBO Triple Crown, Marengo, OH	Levi Morgan	Ultralight Pro X-cutter	
2012 ASA Shooter of the Year	Levi Morgan	Triple X Pro	
2012 IBO National Triple Crown Champion	Levi Morgan	Ultralight Pro X-cutter	
2012 IBO Shooter of the Year	Jack Wallace Ultraligh	Ultralight Pro X-cutter/Ultralight Series 22 Pro	
1st World Archery Festival Champion(Vegas)	Jesse Broadwater	Triple X Pro	
NFAA Indoor National Champion	Levi Morgan	Pro Hunter 7595	
NFAA Dakota Classic Champion	Tim Gillingham	Kinetic 300	
NFAA Unmarked 3-D National Champions	Tim Gillingham	Ultralight Pro 30X	
NFAA 3-Star tour Car Shootoff	Paul Tedford	Ultralight Pro 400	
NFAA National Field Archery Champion	Jesse Broadwater	Ultralight Pro 400	
NFAA Pro Men's Shooter of the Year	Jesse Broadwater	Ultralight Pro 400/Triple X Pro	
NAA World Field Champion	Jesse Broadwater	Ultralight Pro 500	



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There is really only one way to describe Gold Tip's lineup of target shafts — DOMINANT! As has been the case in previous years, 2012 saw Gold Tip shooters continually besting the competition across all fronts of tournament archery. Gold Tip's Smart Carbon® Technology creates target shafts that are second to none in terms of construction, consistency, tolerances and straightness retention. Simply put, at Gold Tip we have engineered a lineup of target shafts designed to win.

# ULTRALIGHT

# Tournament Tested. Shooter Approved.

The Ultralight line of target arrows offer the target archer the perfect arrow option for any level of ability; from the accurate, yet forgiving, beginner-level Entrada; to the performance-packed Pro. With a wide range of spines, from 600 to 300, and multitude of available components, the Ultralights can be customized to your personal needs for optimum accuracy.







# Jesse Broadwater

Won the FITA World Championship using the Ultralight Pro

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# INCLUDED COMPONENTS .246 Insert & Nocks Included con

Included components are for the ENTRADA ONLY.



# INSERTS F.A.C.T. SYSTEM







#### POINTS





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# Series 22 **Delivering More – With Less** The Ultralight Series 22 and Ultralight Series 22 Pro are a perfect choice for those 3-D archers who don't want to pull the extra weight required to get the larger shafts up to speed or just don't have the draw length to physically make it happen. Built with Gold Tip's unique Smart Carbon® Technology and at only 7.3 grains per inch, they are some of the most popular lightweight 3-D shafts on the market today. FLEXIT FIRST smart carbon **Chance Beaubouef** Shoots the Ultralight Series 22 Pros at the IBO National Championships **Precision Target Arrows** 800.551.0541

F.A.C.T. SYSTEM **INSERTS POINTS** Standard 11/32 Screw In EZ Pull, 125 gr

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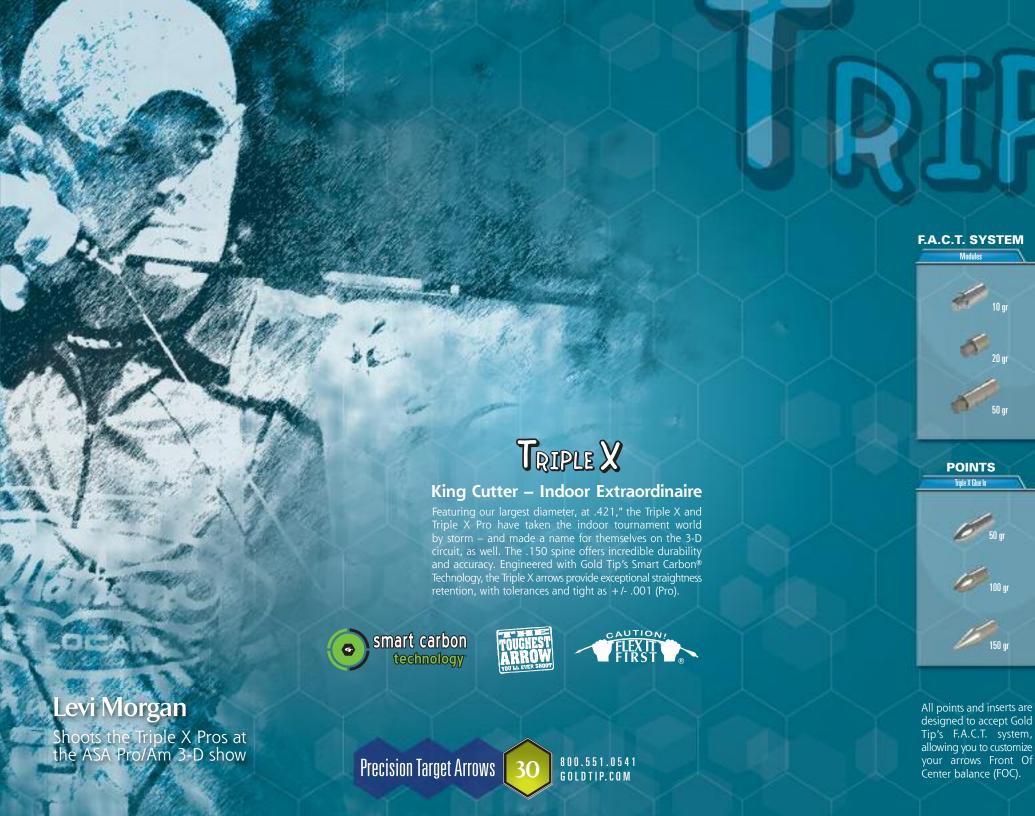


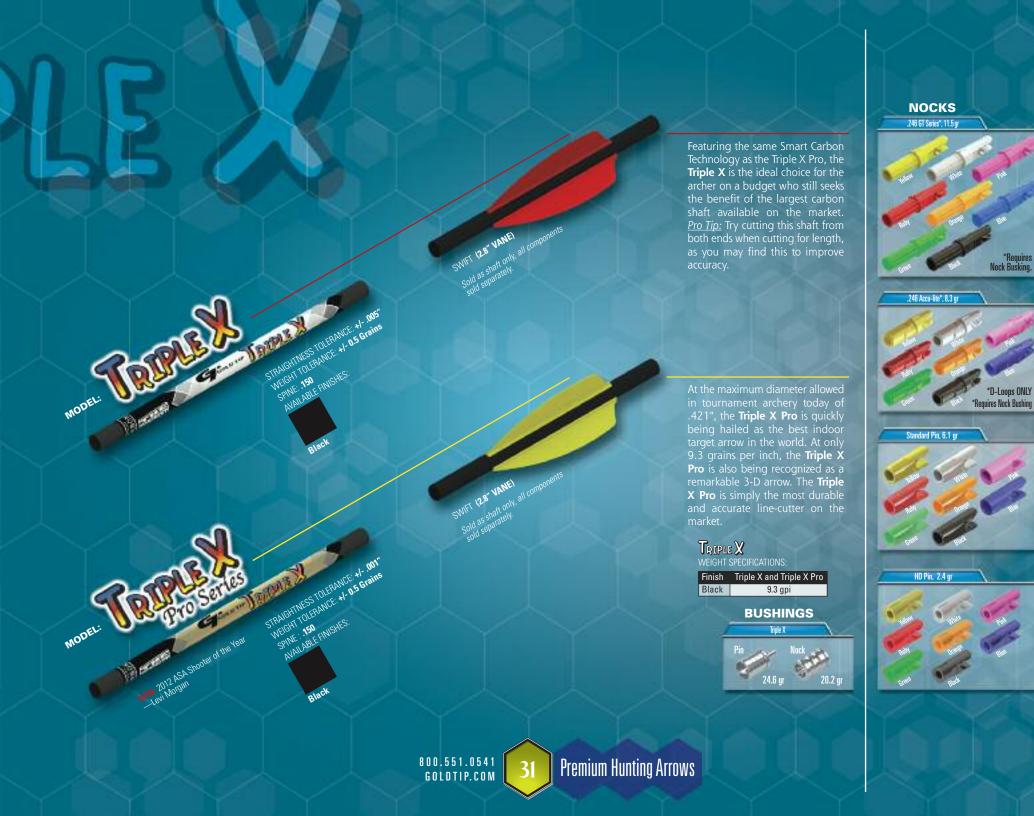










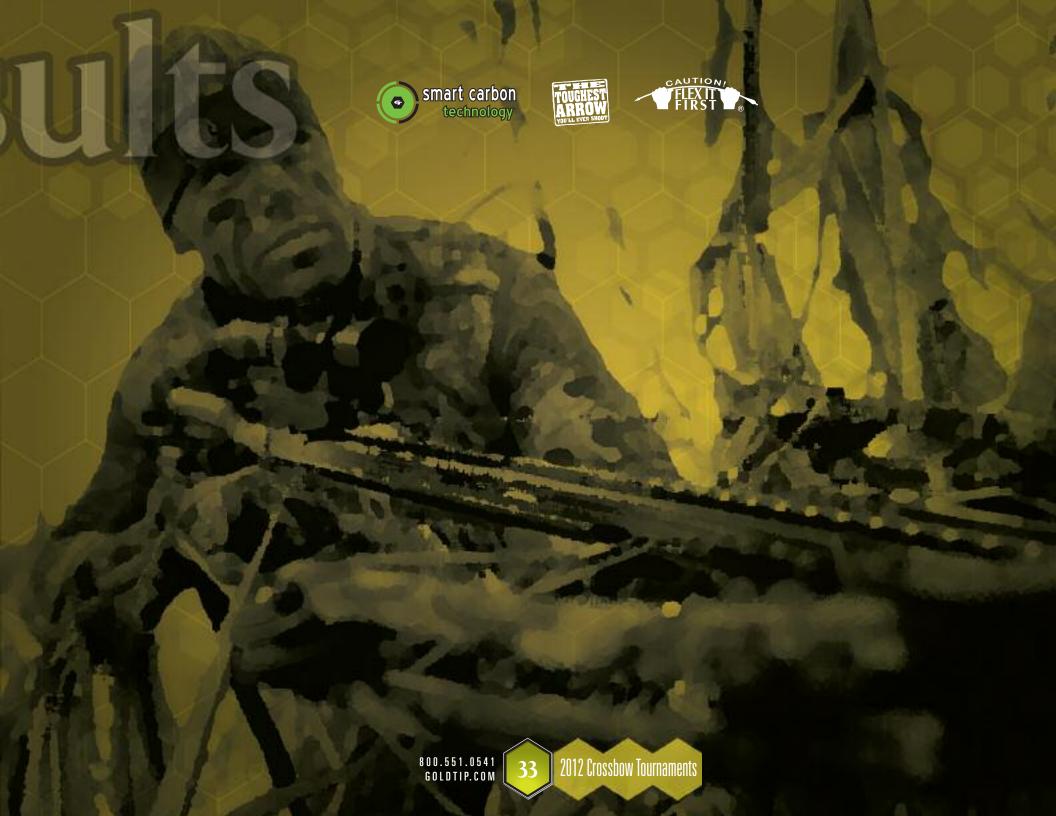


# 2012 Crossbow Tournaments

Gold Tip's crossbow bolts deliver exactly what you would expect from the leader in carbon arrow construction. Our expansive crossbow bolt lineup features unmatched durability, accuracy, and performance. Gold Tip bolts are the right choice no matter the crossbow as evidenced in Gold Tip's domination of ASA and IBO Tournaments in 2012!

# Crossbow wins in 2012

ASA Louisiana Pro/Am	Rowdy Givens	Laser II
ASA Texas Pro/Am	John Johnston	Laser II Pro
ASA Illinois Pro/Am	Rowdy Givens	Laser II
ASA Shooter of the Year	John Johnston	Laser II Pro
IBO National Triple Crown, Bedford, IN	Roy Meditz	Laser II Pro
IBO National Triple Crown, Erie, PA	Michael Tenely	Laser II
IBO National Triple Crown, Marengo, OH	Michael Tenely	Laser II
IBO World Champion	Michaels Tenely	Laser II
IBO Triple Crown Champion	Fred Flati	Laser III Pro



# Crossbow Bolts

At Gold Tip, we didn't just set out to design cross bow bolts that fulfilled a need – we set out to engineer the BEST. Each Gold Tip cross bow bolt is built upon the ground-breaking Smart Carbon® Technology, which ensures durability, straightness retention and incredible accuracy. As the market continues to expand and cross bow technology changes and improves, Gold Tip offers a bolt to meet your needs and help deliver every bit of speed, power, and penetration out of your equipment.

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## A Better Bolt

The Laser II and III have fast become one of the most versatile cross bow bolts throughout the market. Offering unmatched straightness tolerances and superb accuracy, the Laser II and III are helping archers get every ounce of performance out of their cross bows. Available in multiple lengths and nocking options, the Laser II and III give archers the flexibility to build the bolt that best matches the performance needs of their individual cross bow.







## INCLUDED COMPONENTS

Laser II & III

Brass Insert

110 gr

Moon Flat
Bohning
Mag Nocks

Yellow

Orange

Green

#### **INSERTS**

Series 22 Brass
22.5 gr 95 gr

#### F.A.C.T. SYSTEM

10 gr 20 gr 50 gr

## POINTS

Standard 11/32 Screw In



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The Laser II Is Gold Tip's most popular bolt choice and has been a staple among crossbow archers for many years. Available in 20" or 22" lengths and with multiple nocking options, the Laser II is as versatile as it is consistent. The Laser II Pro Series features a .001" straightness tolerance and industry leading weight tolerances, providing unmatched overall performance for the most discerning crossbow archers.

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FINISHED WEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS:

20"	Moon or	· Flat ·	· Composite	- 4" vanes	398
20"	Moon or	Flat -	- Composite	- 2" vanes	385

22" Moon or Flat - Composite - 4" vanes 413 gr 22" Moon or Flat - Composite - 2" vanes 400 gr

WEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS:

	Laser II /La	aser II Pı	o
Black	7.5	gpi	

The Gold Tip Laser III bolt is built to a weight that falls in between the laser II and the Laser IV bolt offerings, creating another option for crossbow shooters who are looking for optimal performance. The Laser III, as well as the all-new .001" straightness tolerance Laser III Pro, feature Gold Tip's Smart Carbon Technology for unmatched durability and straightness retention.

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FINISHED WEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS:

20"	Moon or Flat - Composite - 4" vanes	418 gr
20"	Moon or Flat - Composite - 2" vanes	405 ar

22" Moon or Flat - Composite - 4" vanes 435 gr 22" Moon or Flat - Composite - 2" vanes 422 gr

WEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS:

Finish	Laser III/Laser III Pro
Black	8.5 gpi

### NOCKS

Bohning Mag Moon



**Bohning Mag Flat** 



Aluminum









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The NEW **Crusader** cross bow bolt was engineered to specifically compliment the all new MXB-360 cross bow, from Mission Archery. With tight weight and straightness tolerances, this is one bolt that will get the most out of your next Mission.

# CRUSADER

FINISHED WEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS:

22" Moon ONLY - Aluminum - 4" vanes 403 (22" Moon ONLY - Aluminum - 2" vanes 389 (WEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS:

Finish Crusader Black 8.4 gpi

The NEW **APG** Cross Bow Bolt, is engineered to provide the durability and accuracy today's archers demand. With its assortment of available components, archers can customize their bolt to suit the specific needs of their cross bow. The NEW camo finish adds style to this high performance bolt.

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FINISHED WEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS:

20" Moon or Flat - Aluminum - 4" vanes 414 gr 20" Moon or Flat - Aluminum - 2" vanes 401 gr

22" Moon or Flat - Aluminum - 4" vanes 431 gr 22" Moon or Flat - Aluminum - 2" vanes 417 gr

WEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS:

Finish APG Black 8.4 gpi

#### NOCKS

Bohning Mag Moon



Bohning Mag Flat



Aluminum

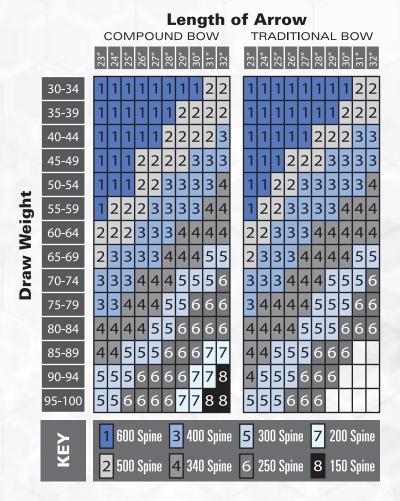


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## **Arrow Selection Chart**



- **Step 1:** Find your draw weight in the chart.
- **Step 2:** Determine the length of your arrow by measuring from the throat of the nock to the end of the insert.
- **Step 3:** Find the correct group number in the shaft selection chart.
- **Step 4:** Find your appropriate spine selection for your bow and use the detail arrow specifications chart on the next page to see which shafts are available in your spine.

Arrow length is measured from the throat of the nock to the end of the insert.

If you are shooting a longer broadhead than field point, you may want to choose a slightly stiffer shaft.

# Compound Bows - With Release Aid

**Note:** With a compound bow and release aid it is acceptable to use a shaft that is stiffer than indicated on the selection chart. This is particularly true if you want to shoot a large diameter shaft for target and 3-D archery. When in doubt, choose a stiffer arrow shaft.

- **1.** For compound bows with IBO speed rating between 290-315 FPS shot with a release aid, use the selection chart as specified.
- 2. For compound bows with IBO speed rating between 315-350 FPS shot with a release aid, choose at least one box to the stiffer side (to the right) for your recommended arrow. Example: If you have a setup that is 72 lbs and arrow that is 29" long you will need to use a group 5 arrow shaft.
- **3.** For compound bows with IBO speed rating under 290 FPS shoot with a release aid, choose one box to the weaker side (to the left) for your recommended arrow. Example: If you have a setup that is 58 lbs and arrow that is 27" long you will need to use a group 2 arrow shaft.

# Compound Bows - With Finger Release

When shooting finger release, start by selecting an arrow 2 boxes to the weaker side (to the left). Start with the arrow 1" longer than you selected and cut it down 1/4" at a time until you have a perfectly tuned shaft using the bare shaft tuning method outlined in the back of the Gold Tip product catalog and the Arrow University section of the Gold Tip website (www.goldtip.com).

#### **Traditional Recommendations**

- **1.** If you are shooting a recurve/longbow, first establish the draw weight of the bow at the length you draw it to. This is best accomplished by bringing the bow to full draw and having a friend mark the arrow where it intersects the outside of the riser.
- 2. Next, draw the bow with a bow scale to your mark to simulate holding it at full draw. Note draw weight at full draw. You can then accurately use the selection chart as indicated below. Arrow length should be measured from the throat of the nock to the end of the insert, not necessarily from the mark you made to measure your draw weight. It is recommended that your finished arrow be at least 1" longer than the mark you made to establish your draw weight.
- **3.** For either longbow or recurve, start with the arrow at least 1" longer than your desired finished arrow and cut the shaft down 1/4" at a time until you establish a perfect tune using the bare shaft tuning guide outlined in the back of the Gold Tip product catalog or in the Arrow University section of the Gold Tip website (www.-goldtip.com). You can use the Gold Tip weight system to fine tune the spine reaction and increase the mass weight of the arrow.







HUNTING	PRO	XT	EXPEDITION/HUNTER						
Arrow Shaft Family & Size	(+/001)	(+/003)	(+/006)	Finish	Grains per Inch	Spine	Available Length	0.D.	I.D.
Hunter 3555/500	Х	Х	Х	Black	7.4	.500"	30"	.291"	.246"
Hunter 3555/500	Х	Х	Х	Camo - APG or Lost	8.2	.500"	30"	.296"	.246"
Hunter 5575/400	Х	Х	Х	Black	8.2	.400"	32"	.295"	.246"
Hunter 5575/400	Х	Х	X	Camo - APG or Lost	9	.400"	32"	.298"	.246"
Hunter 7595/340	Х	Х	Х	Black	8.9	.340"	32"	.300"	.246"
Hunter 7595/300	Х	Х	X	Camo - APG or Lost	10.9	.300"	32"	.310"	.246"
Hunter 300	Х	Х	Х	Black	9.2	.300"	32"	.302"	.246"
Hunter 250 - Big Game		Х		Black	10.6	.250"	32"	.308"	.246"
Velocity 600	Х	Х	Х	Black	5.7	.600"	30"	.280"	.246"
Velocity 500	Х	Х	Х	Black	6.3	.500"	30"	.284"	.246"
Velocity 400	Х	Х	X	Black	7.4	.400"	32"	.290"	.246"
Velocity 340	Х	Х	Х	Black	8.2	.340"	32"	.295"	.246"
Velocity 300	Х	Х	Х	Black	8.5	.300"	32"	.296"	.246"
Kinetic 500	Х	Х	Х	Black	7.6	.500"	30"	.258"	.204"
Kinetic 400	Х	Х	X	Black	9.5	.400"	30"	.270"	.204"
Kinetic 300	Х	Х	X	Black	10.4	.300"	30"	.275"	.204"
Kinetic 200 - Big Game	Х	Х	X	Black	11.6	.200"	30" (32")*	.281"	.204"
Traditional 1535/600		X	X	Wood Grain	7.8	.600"	30"	.296"	.246"
Traditional 3555/500		X	X	Wood Grain	8.6	.500"	32"	.297"	.246"
Traditional 5575/400	271	X	X	Wood Grain	9.3	.400"	32"	.302"	.246"
Traditional 7595/300		X	X	Wood Grain	11	.300"	32"	.311"	.246"
Ted Nugent Zebra Stripe 3555/500		Α	X	White - Green - Pink	8.4	.500"	30"	.299"	.246"
Ted Nugent Zebra Stripe 5575/400			X	White - Green - Pink	9.3	.400"	32"	.304"	.246"
Ted Nugent Zebra Stripe 7595/300			X	White - Green	10.8	.300"	32"	.310"	.246"
Name The Game Splash 500		Х	X	Pink Splash	8.6	.500"	30"	.299"	.246"
Name The Game Splash 400		X	X	Pink or Green Splash	9.4	.400"	32"	.302"	.246"
Name The Game Splash 300		X	X	Green Splash	10.9	.300"	32"	.312"	.246"
Twister Flu-Flu 500		^	^	Black	7.6	.500"	30"	.258"	.204"
Twister Flu-Flu 400				Black	9.5	.400"	30"	.270"	.204"
Twister Flu-Flu 300				Black	10.4	.300"	30"	.275"	.204"
Falcon Youth			X	Black	7.4	.500"	26"	0.293	.246"
Lightning Youth			^	Black or Camo	n/a	n/a	28" (30")*	n/a	.246"
Fiberglass Youth				Black or Pink	n/a	n/a	29"	n/a	n/a
TARGET	PRO	STANDARD	ENTRADA	DIACK OF FILIK	11/ a	II/ a	23	II/ a	II/ a
Arrow Shaft Family & Size	(+/001)	(+/005)	(+/006)	Finish	Grains per Inch	Spine	Available Length	0.D.	I.D.
Ultralight 600			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Black	5.7	.600"	Available Lelight	.280"	.246"
Ultralight 500	X	X	X	Black	6.3	.500"	30"	.284"	.246"
Ultralight 400	X	X	X	Black	7.4	.400"	32"	.290"	.246"
Ultralight 300	X	X	X	Black	8.5	.300"	32"	.296"	.246"
	X	X	X	Black		.300"			.300"
Ultralight Series 22	X	X			7.3	.250"	30" (32")*	.337"	
Ultralight X-Cutter	Х	X		Black	7.8		30" (32")*	.380"	.344"
Ultralight 30X	X	X		Black	8.5	.200"	30" (32")*	.398"	.360"
Ultralight Triple X	X	X CTANDADD		Black	9.3	.150"	30" (32")*	.421"	.383"
CROSSBOW BOLTS	PRO	STANDARD		r	C	0.	A '111 d	0.0	LD
Bolt Shaft Family & Size	(+/001)	(+/005)		Finish	Grains per Inch	Spine	Available Length	O.D.	I.D.
Laser II	Х	Х		Black	7.5	n/a	20" or 22"	.337"	.300"
Laser III	Х	Х		Black	8.5	n/a	20" or 22"	.343"	.300"
Laser IV	Х	Х		Black	13.9	n/a	20" or 22"	.348"	.272"
Laser APG		Х		Realtree APG	8.3	n/a	20" or 22"	.345"	.300"
Crusader		X		Mathews Lost AT	8.4	n/a	22"	.344"	.300"

# **Arrow Assembly**

Gold Tip arrows are not only the best performing arrows on the market; they are also the most user-friendly. With proper care and by adhering to the assembly instructions below you will find Gold Tip shafts quick and easy to assemble in any configuration you desire.

# **Arrow Cutting**

Use only a high speed, abrasive wheel cutoff saw that is designed specifically for cutting arrow shafts. Use of any other method could result in damage to the shaft. It is recommended that your arrow shaft be cut at least one inch in front of the arrow rest at full draw. Arrows that are cut too short can be drawn past the arrow rest which could result in the arrow falling from the string, jamming, or otherwise causing damage to the arrow or the bow, and could even lead to personal injury. Never shoot an arrow that is less than one inch past the arrow rest at full draw.

**Tip from the Pros:** Try cutting arrow shafts on both ends to improve straightness. Straightness flaws in carbon arrows are typically found on the ends. Cutting both ends will often lead to better straightness and thus, better accuracy.

# **Installing Inserts**

- → Read Warning and First Aid instructions on Tip Grip bottle before use.
- → Wear safety glasses.
- → Do not handle inserts by gluing surfaces as doing so may lead to improper adhesion. Disposable gloves are recommended.
- → Use only TIP GRIP adhesive to install inserts. Do not use hot melt glue on carbon arrows.
- **Step 1:** Clean inside of shaft to a depth of 1 inch with clean water on a cotton swab to remove debris. Allow to dry.
- **Step 2:** Apply TIP GRIP adhesive to insert using three generous lines evenly spread and length wise along the flats of the insert.
- **Step 3:** Install insert into shaft and rotate slowly one full turn while doing so.
- **Step 4:** With a clean cloth immediately wipe off any excess glue from the shaft and insert.
- **Step 5:** Allow 24 hours for adhesive to cure before shooting. Shooting before adhesive has fully cured could result in the loss of inserts.
- **Tip -** A field point can be used as a handle to help with the installation of an insert.

For more information visit www.goldtip.com

# **Installing Nocks**

Gold Tip GT Series, Accu-lite, and Accu-Tough Nocks are designed to fit snugly without the use of adhesive. Simply press the nock into the shaft until fully seated and rotate to achieve correct vane orientation.

Gold Tip Pin Nocks and HD Pin Nocks are designed to fit snugly over a pin nock bushing without the use of adhesive. After following the instructions for installing a Gold Tip pin nock bushing (see below), simply press the nock onto the pin until fully seated and rotate to achieve correct vane orientation.

Gold Tip Pin Nock Bushings are used in conjunction with a pin nock or HD pin nock. The bushings can be glued in using Tip Grip adhesive or pressed in using plastic or Teflon tape.

**Tip from the Pros:** Instead of using glue, press your pin nock bushing into the shaft through a piece of plastic grocery bag, or wrap the bushing with Teflon tape prior to pressing it in the shaft. This will allow the bushing to fit tightly without rotating and at the same time, it will allow you to replace the bushing in the event it becomes damaged. If the pin is damaged after being glued in it is very difficult and sometimes not even possible to remove the damaged pin without damaging the shaft. (see photos below)

# **Safety Information**

**OVERDRAW WARNING:** THE USE OF AN OVERDRAW THAT ALLOWS A SHOOTER TO DRAW THE POINT OF THE ARROW PAST THE SHELF OF THE BOW SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE SHOOTER. When using a bow equipped with an overdraw the arrow should always be cut to a minimum of one inch in front of the arrow rest at full draw. Selecting the correct arrow length is the responsibility of the shooter and failure to do so could result in severe injury, and/or damage to shooting equipment.

**ARROW REST WARNING:** Before shooting any Gold Tip arrows it is extremely important to inspect the arrow rest to ensure that it is properly adjusted to fit the diameter of the arrow shaft being used. FAILURE TO PROPERLY ADJUST THE ARROW REST SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE SHOOTER AND DAMAGE TO SHOOTING EQUIPMENT. Incorrect adjustment of the arrow rest may cause the arrow to fall from the arrow rest and/or get jammed in the bow which could result in injury to the shooter or bystanders, and damage to shooting equipment. ALWAYS MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE ARROW REST IS PROPERLY ADJUSTED BY A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL BEFORE SHOOTING.

**ARROW INSPECTION WARNING:** INSPECT EACH ARROW FOR DAMAGE PRIOR TO EVERY SHOT. Proper care of carbon arrows can ensure years of quality performance. However, shafts can be damaged. To inspect an arrow, grasp it on both ends and flex it away from yourself and others while visibly and audibly checking for splinters, cracks or nicks. Rotate and repeat this inspection process four to five times around the entire circumference of the shaft. If you find an arrow to be damaged in any way discard it immediately. SHOOTING DAMAGED CARBON ARROWS CAN RESULT IN ARROW FAILURE AND POSSIBLE INJURY.

**CUTTING CARBON ARROWS:** Cut carbon arrows using a high speed arrow cut off saw only. Use of any other type of saw may cause damage to the arrow.



# **Broadhead Tuning**

## Things to Consider:

- → The more blade surface a broadhead has, the more steering ability it will have. For this reason fixed blade broadheads with large cutting diameters tend to be slightly more difficult to tune.
- → Although mechanical broadheads tend to have fewer tuning issues than fixed blade heads, they still need to be properly aligned and their point of impact needs to be verified prior to hunting.
- $\rightarrow$  Gold Tip recommends test shooting any style of broadheads for accuracy prior to hunting.

#### Step 1: Bow Tuning

In order to achieve good accuracy with broadheads, it is imperative that your bow be properly tuned. Consult our tuning instructions above and, if needed, consult a technician at your local pro shop for help with bow tuning.

#### Step 2: Broadhead Alignment

When a broadhead is installed into an arrow shaft, it is common for the broadhead to seat incorrectly on the insert. This will cause misalignment of the broadhead in relation to the arrow and will cause the broadhead to wobble when spun. In order to achieve good accuracy, the broadhead must be centered on the insert in order to spin true on the shaft. To do this, follow the steps below:

- 1) Using an arrow spinner (like the Pine Ridge Arrow Inspector) place the point of the broadhead against a cardboard box. As you spin the arrow, the point will make a circle if it is not properly aligned. If the broadhead is properly aligned it will not appear to move and no additional steps are needed. (see figure #1)
- 2) If the point does make a circle, rotate the point to its uppermost point of movement and mark the point with a felt pen at that point. (see figure #2)
- **3)** Rotate the arrow 180 degrees from that point and simply apply pressure to the point of the head on a hard surface. The goal of this is to push the broadhead into alignment with the insert. (see figure #3)
- **4)** Put the arrow back on the spinner and check the head again for alignment. With a little trial and error you will soon become proficient and will be able to align a broadhead to the insert in under a minute. Keep in mind that shooting an arrow can cause misalignment, so it is a good idea to spin your broadhead tipped arrows repeatedly, particularly after shooting them.

#### Step 3: Fletching

After bow tuning and broadhead alignment, you are now ready to test your arrows for accuracy. If you are experiencing poor accuracy with a well tuned bow and properly aligned broadheads, it is likely that you are not giving the arrow enough guidance. The answer to this is fletching. Increasing the amount of fletching either by using longer vanes, or more vanes (4-fletch instead of 3-fletch) will give better guidance and increased accuracy. Be careful however, as too much fletching can have other adverse effects such as excessive drag than can also hamper performance. The key is finding a happy medium. This may take some trial and error depending on your setup. The best rule of thumb is to use the smallest amount of fletching possible while still being able to achieve field point accuracy with your broadheads.



## **Broadhead Alignment**



Figure #1

Figure #2

Figure #3

# **Bow Tuning**

Although there are a number of acceptable tuning methods that work well, Gold Tip recommends paper tuning for release aid shooters and bare shaft tuning for finger shooters. Gold Tip also recommends the use of a string loop for compound shooters using a release aid. This will prevent nock pinch and will allow for a more accurate setup and more reliable tuning.

## **Paper Tuning**

Shoot arrows through a suspended sheet of paper at a distance of 4 to 6 feet and observe the resulting tear. See adjustment illustration below to achieve a perfect tune. Make vertical adjustments prior to horizontal adjustments to avoid getting a false reading due to vane clearance issues.

**Tip from the Pros:** Try spraying your vanes with aerosol foot powder to determine if there is any vane contact with the arrow rest. Vane contact can cause erratic arrow flight and inaccurate paper tear readings.

**Tip from the Pros:** When paper tuning, proper shooting form and a consistent release are critical. Try shooting each arrow a number of times to make sure that you are getting a consistent reading. Paper tuning can be time consuming, but will pay big dividends in accuracy.

## **Paper Tuning**

This diagram depicts a perfect tear or bullet hole. This means that your arrow is perfectly tuned to your bow and you are achieving perfect arrow flight.



#### **Perfect Tear**



#### **High Tear**

Possible Corrections:

- → Move nock point down
- → Move rest up
- → Decrease launcher stiffness
- → Shorten arrow length if possible



#### Low Tear

Possible Corrections:

- → Raise nocking point
- → Stiffen launcher stiffness



#### **Right Tear**

Possible Corrections:

- → Move rest/center shot away from riser (right-handed bow)
- → Move cable guard away from arrow (increase load on cable guard)
- → Adjust wheel lean



#### Left Tear

Possible Corrections:

- → Move rest/center shot towards riser (right-handed bow)
- → Move cable guard towards arrow (decrease load on cable guard)
- → Adjust wheel lean
- → Use stiffer arrow
- → Decrease draw weight







## **Bare Shaft Tuning**

Gold Tip recommends bare shaft tuning for any setup shot with a finger release. In order to use this method you will need two fletched arrows and two bare shafts. Follow the illustrations below to fine tune your setup.

This diagram depicts optimal tuning for the bare shaft tuning method. Bare shafts and fletched arrows should have very similar impact points.



#### **Optimal Tuning**

#### Stiff Arrow

Possible Corrections:

- → Use a longer shaft
- → Use a lighter spined shaft
- → Add weight to the insert using Gold Tip's weight system or by adding a heavier weight point
- → Decrease cushion plunger tension or rest side tension
- → Add poundage to the limbs 1/8 turn at a time

#### Weak Arrow

Possible Corrections:

- → Cut shafts shorter 1/4" at a time
- → Use a stiffer spined arrow
- → Decrease point weight
- → Decrease poundage 1/8 turn at a time
- → Add weight to the rear of the shaft with wraps, fletching, or Gold Tip's ultralight nock adaptor
- → Increase plunger tensions

#### **Low Nock Point**

Possible Corrections:

- → Move nock point up
- → Move arrow rest down

## **High Nock Point**

Possible Corrections:

- → Move nock point down
- → Move arrow rest up











