

Bushnell Engage X Binoculars

TOUGH GLASS - SOFT PRICE!



TESTED

By Cheval Graham
(@nzoutdoors)

Bushnell have a range of optics that span a variety of uses and prices. The Bushnell Engage X sits at the lower end of the spectrum amongst their lineup of binoculars, so does it deserve a place amongst your list of items to purchase this coming year?

For those not familiar with Bushnell Optics, let's delve into the features of the Engage X:

- The 10x42 binos are a good option for hunting, birding, hiking, camping, or enjoying sporting events - especially in wide-open spaces where the high magnification and wide field of view really shine.
- With multiple anti-reflective coatings and Bushnell's EXO Barrier for a clear view in any conditions, you can be assured of bright, sharp, and clear high-contrast views - even at dawn or dusk.
- The EXO Barrier is a protective lens coating technology Bushnell has devel-

oped for their range of optics. The EXO Barrier molecularly bonds to the lens and fills microscopic pores in the glass. The ultra-slick coating that repels water, oil, fog, dust and debris -- rain, snow, fingerprints and dirt will not stick, giving you clarity when you need it most.

- BAK-4 prism allows more light transmission and offers a brighter image as a result.

- Waterproof IPX7 construction. There is no need to worry about any moisture ingress when out in the field as the Bushnell range is designed to get wet and dirty.

- Bushnell have a lifetime ironclad warranty.

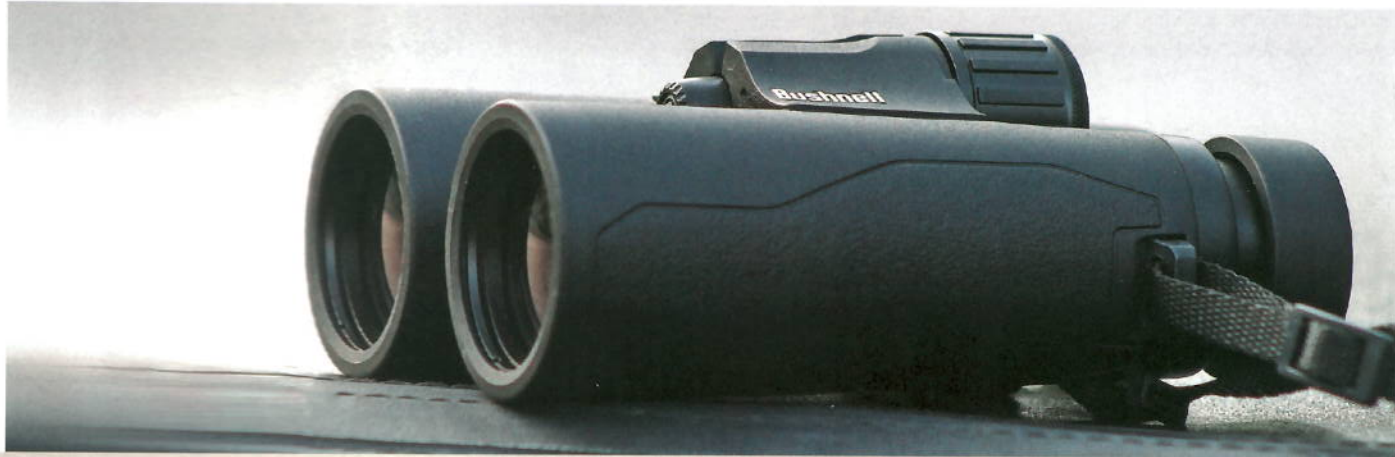
So how does the Bushnell Engage X binocular perform out in the field?

To date, I have used these binos for bush stalking, surf viewing, and glassing open ridge faces in low light and been impressed at how they have helped me to spot game and study the finer landscape features.

The Bushnell Engage X will suit the beginners. However, I say this lightly because I could have easily mistaken some of the features such as low light clarity or tough construction for a more

The clarity and resolving power is exceptional.





expensive model. This doesn't feel like a cheap model and is a contender as a decent hunting optic. Certainly, the Engage X does miss on some of the features of more expensive models so let's analyze them further:

Limited close focus: Close focus distance is not something on everyone's mind, and I highly doubt that when someone intends to invest in binoculars that they are getting them for such purposes as watching flowers and insects regularly. Birding, hunting, and nature observation are more common choices. Therefore, this is more of a usage limitation as opposed to a construction issue and I don't see that it would affect the user's enjoyment.

Edge clarity: This would only disappoint the more seasoned bino user and wouldn't be an issue for beginners.

Protective case: Tailored more towards those who want to stow their binos in the car or cupboard. A lack of padding means the case isn't as robust as it could be for the knocks you experience out in the field.

Why consider the Bushnell Engage X?

Build: The protective rubber armor with raised palm pads provides a solid and secure slip-resistant grip. The focus wheel is light to the touch and smooth to adjust. The weight comes in at a comfortable 620g.

Clarity: The clarity and resolving power is exceptional. You can see minute details in a variety of light and landscapes that would usually be difficult to make out with other binocular brands that sit within this price range.

The contrast is also very good, colours are vivid and bright, lending to a superb depth of field for those scanning wider horizons.

Price: The biggest winner, coming in at \$399.99.

If you're new to the world of binoculars, want to give your kids a great present that will take a hiding, or simply just want a handy pair to stow in your day pack. The Bushnell Engage X are an exceptional optic for your arsenal, for a fraction of the price.

For the complete range of Bushnell Optical products, please visit www.Amprosale.co.nz or talk to the helpful team on: 04-939 6800.

A clear view in any condition

