



EVOLUTIONARY AR-15s

MEET SAVAGE'S NEW MSR 15 PATROL AND MSR 15 RECON

AR-15 platforms are by far the most popular style of modern sporting rifles. The new MSR 15 Patrol and MSR 15 Recon redefine the category with the kind of tack-driving accuracy and seamless performance you'd expect from a Savage.

"Both of these rifles offer button-rifled, 16-inch barrels with accuracy-enhancing 5R rifling, a long-lasting Melonite QPQ finish and Savage's trademark zero-tolerance headspace control," says Bill Dermody, Savage Arms marketing director.

"These are high-performance barrels you'd have to buy as an upgrade with standard AR-15s," he adds.

Dermody notes the rifles also feature the proven 223 Wylde target chambering that boosts versatility without sacrificing downrange performance. "Typically an aftermarket feature popular with competitive shooters, the 223 Wylde allows you to safely enjoy optimal accuracy from both 223 Rem. and 5.56x45mm NATO ammunition," he explains.

Both the MSR 15 Recon and Patrol accept all standard AR accessories built to mil-spec from all manufacturers, such as the variety of tactical accessories from Savage's sister company, BLACKHAWK!. This allows shooters to outfit their platforms to match their personal taste and be the envy of the range.

Dermody also calls out the gas-driven cycling systems standard on both new MSR 15 rifles. "We avoided carbine-length systems, which are prone to problems," he says. "Instead, each features a mid-length, direct impingement design for surefire performance plus reduced pressures and recoil that are easy on the shooter and the rifle."

That commitment to quality extends to other features as well, even on the lowest priced MSR in the lineup. "With an MSRP of \$849, the MSR 15 Patrol represents our opening price point in the MSR family," he continues. "But this isn't a starter AR, it's loaded."

Dermody explains the MSR 15 Patrol has a dependable mil-spec trigger and A-frame gas block front sight with a BLACKHAWK!® rear sight. "And it features all-new BLACKHAWK! furniture with great ergonomics, so it's set up for serious shooters, not just to look cool."

The MSR 15 Recon carries an MSRP of \$999 and sports upgraded features including a BLACKHAWK! AR Blaze™ trigger, 12-inch, free-floating hand guard, BLACKHAWK! buttstock, pistol grip and flip-up sights and custom-forged lower receiver for a decidedly unique look.

"The Recon's AR Blaze trigger system meets mil-spec definitions and dimensions, but has been given secondary polishing and hardening to enhance trigger pull," he says.

In another nod to form and function, the free-floating hand guard features an M-LOK® system that allows shooters to fine-tune the position of rails and accessories. "Adaptable placement systems like M-LOK help bring down fore-end diameter for a slim, slender, sleeker feel that's a huge improvement over the monstrous, cheese-grater look we've seen on ARs for so long," Dermody adds.

"It's just another example of how these new rifles reflect the next phase of AR-15 evolution, and aren't just knock-offs of an old design," he says. "They're better, more useful, and easier to customize, proving why 'MSR' now stands for Modern Savage Rifle."

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MSR 15 RECON

Savage's new MSR 15 Recon comes standard with upgrades serious shooters demand, including a BLACKHAWK!® AR Blaze™ trigger, free-floating M-LOK® fore-end and upgraded Savage barrel with a 223 Wylde target chamber. Its 5R rifling and a Melonite QPQ finish ensure the most consistent, accurate performance in any conditions, while the Recon's custom-forged lower receiver and BLACKHAWK! KNOXX® AR Pistol Grip and AXIOM™ Carbine Stock impart a look that stands out from the crowd.



MSR 15 PATROL

The new Savage MSR 15 Patrol is a step up from the many rack-grade M4 clones popular today. With an upgraded barrel featuring a 223 Wylde target chamber, 5R rifling and a Melonite QPQ finish, the rifle delivers accuracy well beyond mil-spec. A BLACKHAWK!® handguard, pistol grip and adjustable buttstock further separate the Patrol from all other MSRs.



*Photos provided for this article are the earliest first look of the new rifles; components and specifications could change on production models.