

# RWS-Rosslor Titan 6 rifle

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The Titan 6 Luxus is a handsome rifle with typical Germanic styling. The review rifle was fitted with an 8x Pecar Champion scope for testing. Here, the rifle is set up with the .30-06 barrel. Notice how the larger 4-shot magazine protrudes below the belly of the stock.

One of the nice things about this gun writing business is that every now and then something like the RWS-Rosslor Titan 6 rifle comes along and rattles your cage.

Graeme Forbes of Forbes Wholesale told me the Titan was on the way in 2005, but I didn't actually see the rifle until the 2006 SHOT Expo in Sydney. He and Dieter Schuster were showing it to all and sundry like a pair of proud grandfathers.

Distributed by RWS, the Titan 6 is made by the Rosslor family at Kufstein in Austria. It's a thoroughly modern bolt-action rifle with all the old-world charm of traditional European workmanship and the attributes of fit and finish that limited production and individual attention to detail can bring to a factory product.

For me, what makes the Titan so different

and special is the fact that it's a switch barrel rifle. That has some very practical implications in an age where adding a new rifle to the gun cabinet is much more complicated than it used to be. Even more importantly, the barrels can be switched without any need to change the bolt face.

With no fewer than 25 different centrefire calibres to choose from, the Titan range offers something for everyone. The barrels are all top quality and are made by companies such as Wilson Arms, Heym and Merkel. For details of the barrels/calibres produced by the different makers see the table on page 57.

The heart of any switch barrel system is obviously the receiver and the Titan 6 receiver is very different from the norm. Machined from a solid block of aircraft-grade aluminium, it has a cylindrical cross-section, except for the integral recoil lug machined under the receiver ring. A longitudinal flat on the bottom accommodates the trigger group, tang and safety catch - all of which are screw attached to the receiver.

The receiver ring and the bridge are the same height with some cosmetic relief between them. The tops of both are rounded, drilled and tapped to accept Weaver-style bases, which were supplied with the review rifle. There's a small flat along each side of

the receiver. The one on the left-hand side is emblazoned with the Titan 6 name.

All surfaces have a black, anodised finish that nicely matches the blue/black barrels. The barrels come without sights and are 570mm long in standard calibres and 610mm for Magnums.

Internally, the receiver is round - completely lacking any channels or grooves. Bolt guidance is provided by the trigger gear protruding into the receiver and engaging a groove machined along the bottom of the bolt. Side play is minimal and the bolt slides smoothly along the full length of its travel.

When the bolt is opened, the back of the sear also acts as a bolt stop. To remove the bolt, simply depress the trigger and pull it out. To put it back in is a little trickier, requiring the bolt to be inserted at an angle then turned down once the locking lugs are clear of the sear. This allows it to engage the slot along the bottom of the bolt.

The one-piece bolt has no protrusions. The front locking lugs are machined into the body of the bolt, set up in three banks of two, set at 120 degrees to each other around the circumference. When the bolt is closed, these engage corresponding shoulders in the rear of the barrel itself to provide secure lock-up. This means the receiver is under no stress at all during the firing process - though the root of the bolt handle does turn down into a slot in the right side of the receiver when the bolt



The trigger group and safety catch set-up. The blue tab below the bolt notch is the bolt safety lock.

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At the other end of the bolt, the shroud is machined to match the angled profile of the receiver. When the bolt is cocked, the cocking piece protrudes from the rear of the shroud as an obvious visual indicator.

The bolt handle is raked slightly back with a plain round knob that is easily grasped. Bolt lift is 60 degrees, allowing the action to be opened and cycled quickly and with a minimum of fuss. Lock time is given as 1.6 milliseconds.

The tang-mounted safety is three positional. When fully engaged, it locks the bolt from opening via a tab that engages a slot under the root of the bolt handle and blocks any trigger movement. In the second or middle position, it allows the bolt to be cycled to remove a round from the chamber while still preventing the rifle from being fired. When the safety is fully forward, a red dot can be seen on the tang and the rifle can be fired.

The recoil lug under the receiver ring is split along its length. Fitted with two transverse Allen head screws, it's the key to barrel interchangeability. To change, simply undo the screws, slip the unwanted barrel out and pop the new one in. Receiver ring to barrel shank

The underside of the bolt with a full-length slot that engages the trigger sear and guides the bolt in the receiver. The safety notch at the root of the bolt handle houses a locking tab when the safety catch is fully applied.



The full pistol grip with its cut chequering with the Titan name-plate inlet and screwed into the bottom.



Left side of receiver showing relieved area between the receiver ring and bridge. The rifle is fitted with the small magazine which sits flush with the belly of the stock.

fit is a firm push fit. A slot on the left side of the shank engages a short pin inside the receiver ring to ensure each barrel indexes into the same position every time without fail. Care must be taken to ensure the barrel is pushed right home before the lug is retightened, otherwise the bolt lugs will not engage properly.

The receiver is secured in the stock by a pair of action screws: one engaging the bottom of the recoil lug, the other the back of the receiver itself. The heads of both screws are supported by the one-piece alloy trigger-guard and magazine well assembly inlet into the belly of the fore-arm and plastic covers for the screw heads are provided. An Allen key that fitted both the barrel lock and the action screws was provided with the review rifle.

The magazine clicks into place, retained in the rifle by opposing, spring-loaded lugs that engage corresponding slots in the magazine base. To remove the magazine, simply press the grooved tabs on either side of the magazine well and a spring-loaded ejection plunger will drop it into your hand.

The box of the magazine appears to be stainless steel with an alloy follower and a synthetic base glued to the bottom of the box. Ammunition is stacked in a single column so feeding the rifle is easy and fast.

Several stock designs are available for the Titan 6. The standard Classic stock has a straight comb and cheekpiece, with a chequered pistol grip and fore-arm with a matte lacquered finish and rubber recoil pad. The Luxus version comes with a hog's back comb, sculpted cheekpiece, cut chequering, an English-style oil finish, a contrasting rosewood Schnabel fore-end and a rubber recoil pad. A Synthetic stocked model is also available and for those who shoot left-handed, a full-length left-handed rifle is available in the Luxus and Synthetic stocks. The review rifle is the Luxus version. The stock is crafted from a nice piece of Italian walnut.

Typically Germanic in style, it has a sharply curved pistol grip that looks a little overdone by American standards, but it nevertheless



Detail of magazine well and trigger housing showing grooved tab, one retaining catch and the spring-loaded magazine ejector.



The two magazines supplied with the review rifle. The smaller one holds three rounds while the larger holds four. In Magnum calibres, those capacities are reduced to two and three respectively.

gives the shooter a good handful to work with - always a positive aid to rifle and recoil control.

The stock showed plenty of grain, the timber well-finished and sealed to display the wood figure to full advantage. The chequering is well cut, the points all sharp with no obvious overruns visible.

Furniture consisted of a black solid rubber recoil pad with a non-slip stippled finish and a single spacer. A silver plate engraved with Titan 6 is inlet and screwed into the bottom of the pistol grip.

A pair of fixed swivels completes the stock furniture - serviceable enough in their own right, but something of an anachronism in an age where QD bases and swivels are generally considered standard.

Inletting is generally good, showing no burred edges with the wood sealed.

The recoil lug is bedded in a fibreglass insert glued into the stock while the rear of the action rests on an alloy pillar. The barrel is free floating forward of the recoil lug, a set-up that is time proven

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4PL 7005	.308 = 7.83mm D166	FMJBT		200gr	\$34
4PL 7060	.308 = 7.83mm Subsonic B416	FMJBT		200gr	\$36
4PL 7213	.308 = 7.83mm Mega E415	SP		185gr	\$35
4PL 7047	.308 = 7.83mm Mega E401	SP		200gr	\$45
NPL7101	.308 = 7.83mm Naturalis N505	Solid		181gr	\$150
NPL7103	.308 = 7.83mm Naturalis N513	Solid		200gr	\$180
NPL7102	.308 = 7.83mm Naturalis LR N518	Solid		170gr	\$185
4PL 7045	.311 = 7.91mm Spitzer S405	FMJBT		123gr	\$27
NPL8020	.338 (8.61mm/.339) Naturalis N508	Solid		231gr	\$180
4PL 8017	.338 = 8.6mm Scenar	HPBT		250gr	\$63
4PL 9017	9.3mm E433 Mega	SP		285gr	\$70
<b>HANDGUN PROJECTILES</b>					
4PL 8021	.32 S&W (7.65mm)	LWC		98gr	\$12
4PL 9000	.38 Special (9.10mm/.38)	LWC		148gr	\$13
4PL 9007	9mm Luger .355	CEPP Super		120gr	\$14
4PL 9016	9mm Luger (9mm/.355)	FMJ		123gr	\$17
<b>MOLY-COATED PROJECTILES</b>					
CPL 6046	6mm (6.16mm/.243) G490	HP		77gr	\$39
CPL 6047	6mm (6.16mm/.243) Scenar GB493	HPBT		90gr	\$41
CPL 6045	6mm (6.16mm/.243) Scenar GB478	HPBT		105gr	\$43
CPL 6020	6.5mm Scenar GB464	HPBT		108gr	\$35
CPL 6018	6.5mm(6.72mm/.264) Scenar GB458	HPBT		139gr	\$39
CPL 6032	6.5mm Scenar GB489	HPBT		123gr	\$36
CPL 7073	.308 = 7.83mm Scenar GB491	HPBT		155gr	\$39
CPL 7069	.308 = 7.83mm Scenar GB422	HPBT		167gr	\$40
CPL 7071	.308 = 7.83mm Scenar GB432	HPBT		185gr	\$43
<b>RIFLE POWDERS</b> N110, N120, N130, N133, N135, N140, N150, N160, N165, N170, N530, N540, N550, N560 - All \$88 per kilo bottle					
<b>PISTOL POWDERS</b> N310, N320, N330, 3N38, N340, 3N37, N350, N105 - All \$44 per half kilo bottle					
GST INCLUDED					

Barrels for RWS-Rossler Titan 6 rifles		
Maker	Barrel	Calibres
Wilson Arms	Button rifled steel	7mm Rem Mag, .308, .270, .25-06
	Button rifled stainless	.25-06, .308, .270
Heym	Hammer-forged stainless	.243, .30-06, 7mm Rem Mag, .300 Win Mag, .300 WSM, .270 WSM, .222 Rem, .223 Rem, .22-250, 6.5x55, 6.5x284, 7mm-08, .338 Win Mag
Merkel	Hammer-forged steel	.243, 6.5x55, 6.5x57, 6.5x65 RWS, 6.5x68, 7x64, 7mm-08, .30-06, 8x57 IS, 9.3x62, .300 Win Mag, 8x68S, .300 WSM, .270 WSM, .338 Win Mag, 6.5x284, .222 Rem, .223 Rem, 5.6x50 Mag, .22-250

## RWS-Rossler Titan 6 rifle

to deliver more than acceptable accuracy in the majority of rifles set up this way.

The rifle came fitted with a .30-06 barrel, with a spare .243 barrel in the box and a magazine for each.

The flexibility the system offers is evident when you consider the variety of cartridges each magazine will handle. The smaller magazine will handle three rounds of .243, .308, 6.5x57, 6.5x65, .338 Winchester Magnum and 8x57 IS. The larger magazine handles four rounds of 6x62 Freres, .25-06, 6.5x55, 7x64, .270 Winchester and .30-06. Like the barrels they match, the magazines are easily and quickly interchangeable.

The larger .30-06 size magazine sits below



the line of the fore-arm, giving the rifle a pot-bellied look. The .243 size sits flush to give the rifle a much more streamlined appearance.

For testing, I fitted the Titan with an old Pecar 8x Champion scope set-up in Weaver rings. Fitted with the .30-06 barrel, the rifle was then sighted-in at 100m using a variety of ammunition including Federal, Winchester and RWS factory loads.

Despite its relatively light bare weight of just 2.9kg, the rifle was quite pleasant to shoot. The trigger pull was a very comfortable 1.8kg, but it is adjustable for those qualified to do so.

Using the RWS Evolution Power Bonded 184-grain supplied for review, it easily put three shots into 35mm off the bench. The best group came in at just more than 30mm. This is pretty good accuracy with factory ammunition - about all most hunters are likely to need for the bulk of Australian conditions.

Changing over to the .243 barrel meant re-sighting the rifle - though the adjustments weren't major. In this calibre the groups were all around 25 to 28mm range using Winchester and PMC 80-grain factory loads. With minimum effort, I'm quite sure that most

**Shank of barrel showing slot that locates barrel inside the receiver ring.**

handloaders could wring a little more accuracy out of the Titan. Similarly, it wouldn't be too difficult to record the changes necessary to bring the different barrels back onto target and take any dramas out of doing a barrel swap.

Overall, I found the Titan 6 to be a well-built and accurate rifle. In the paddock it was light enough to carry around the hills all day without wearing me out. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to take an animal with it, but that's sambar hunting for you.

The Titan 6 has a RRP of around \$1600 with an extra barrel costing another \$550 and a spare magazine around \$140. ●

### Specifications

**Maker:** RWS-Rossler

**Model:** Titan 6

**Action:** Bolt-action, six locking lugs

**Calibres:** See table

**Weight:** 2.9kg bare

**Barrel:** 570mm Standard; 610mm Magnum

**Stock:** Italian walnut. Synthetic available

**Magazine:** Detachable box. 3-shot standard; 4-shot available

**Price:** Rifle \$1600; spare barrel \$550; magazine \$140

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