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NOTE: Please Read Range Report Before Purchasing This Scope Mount!

[Scoped SKS Range Report](#)



figure 1

I was surfing the web and saw a SKS Scope/Mount Combo Kit for only \$49.97. The mount is the type that replaces the receiver's dust cover. I could not resist so I called up and ordered, not expecting much because

of the price.

The Scope Package can be found online at - [SKS Scope and Mount](#)

After a week or so I got a package in the mail. Like most males, I tried to install the mount without reading the instructions. How hard could it be? I had removed the covers on my SKS rifles many times and had also successfully reinstalled them.



figure 2

Project Cost

- BEC™ 2-6 x 30 mm SKS Scope with Mount
- 30 mm objective lens
- Duplex Reticle
- Mount replaces the dust cover on your SKS
- Non-reflective Black aluminum tube is 6 1/2" long
- 1/2" click adjustment for windage and elevation
- 2 1/2 - 3" eye relief
- F.O.V. @ 100 yds. is 48 1/2' at 2X, 16' at 6X
- Weighs 8 1/2 ozs.

Total Project Cost

\$49.97

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[Mounting a scope on the SKS Rifle](#)





1) After making sure the rifle was unloaded and setting the safety, I started to remove the cover.



2) I removed the cover and set it aside.

3) The mount looks just the like the original cover, plus scope rails. I tried to install it and reinsert the retaining pin and this is where I discovered that the pin would not go in. Again a typical male - I took it off and looked at it. I reinstalled it and got the same results. I did this two to three more times with exactly the same results.



Note: *Isn't it a sign of insanity to try something repeatedly, even though you know that the outcome is going to be exactly the same every single time and somehow expecting something different? or is this just being a man?*



5) Giving up on trying to reinstall the mount anymore - I decided to read the instructions and "surprise, surprise" the first statement at the top of the page read - *"Please read these instructions before attempting to install the SKS scope mount."*

The instructions said that the mount is purposefully oversized when new. This is done to ensure the tightest fit with the rifle. That you need to file the front trunnions of the cover until you can install the retaining pin.

Note: *File away a little bit of metal and then try to reinstall. Repeat this while only removing a little bit of metal per time so as not to remove an excessive amount. Removing too much will cause the mount to wobble and the scope will not be very accurate.*

6) Finally the mount fit snugly into the rifle. I reinstalled the pin.



7) The scope came with the rings already attached, so I loosened them and then set the scope in the notches in the mount.



8) Tighten down the rings.



9) Tighten down the scope.



Figure 11 shows the assembled rifle ready to take to the range and sight in!

I do like this rifle project because I did not have to alter the rifle at all. Over all it looks pretty good and the mount seems pretty secure and does not seem to move. The scope for the price is pretty nice and easy to get a good picture no matter the magnification setting.

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