

# Firenock Review by Aaron Yothers September 19, 2007

## Firenock v2.0s

This summer I began looking for a lighted nock system for my hunting arrows. I wanted the ability to see the arrow's flight path after a shot and a better chance of recovering my arrow (hit or miss) after firing it in the woods. I wanted to make sure that such a device would not add complexity to the shot or to my hunting setup. If I had to fuss with the nock or worry about it's operation at the time of the shot, it would be more of a liability than a help. I also wanted a nock that was lightweight enough that it would not throw off the tuning of my bow.

I searched the web for my options. There were different brands available. Some relied on shot inertia and contained moving parts. Others had no moving parts but were fairly heavy weighing in at 30 to 40 grains. That seemed like an awful lot of weight to be adding to an arrow. The inertia activated ones seemed complex. You had be careful when placing the arrow on the string and make sure you did not bump the arrow or it would light up while you were on stand.

I found the website for Firenock one morning and was intrigued. The brand did not use moving parts for activation and seemed as lightweight as anything else on the market weighing in at 25 grains. I read as many internet posts as I could find and could not find anything negative about the brand.

I found a retail store near my home that carried Firenock and bought a package of three Firenock 2.0s lighted nocks and the kit included three matched weight practice nocks. Assembly of the nocks was extremely easy. The only assembly required is to attach the batteries to the circuit boards and press-fit the nocks into the arrows. The instructions describe the process perfectly. Firenocks use

an included magnet for activation during the shot and the magnet needed to be placed on my arrow rest. I use a QAD Ultrarest and found pictures on Firenocks website that detailed the best location for the magnet. I added a second magnet, available on Firenocks website, as per the photo of my rest on their site. Firenock's website shows suggestions for quite a few popular arrow rests.

After installing the nocks I took them out to my practice range and began shooting them. The plastic nocks themselves, which Firenock produces specifically for this product, gripped the string well and seemed to release smoothly. That first evening I only had time to shoot them about 15 times. The nocks lit up each time. I was impressed. I only shot at 20 yards that evening since I was basically only checking to see weather or not the nocks would light up, but I was also impressed that the nocks were grouping right on the bulls eye along with my other arrows. The next evening I set up my paper tuning rig and sent some arrows through the paper to check the tune. The arrows with the Firenocks shot the same dead-on bullet holes that my original arrows were shooting. I was expecting this since after shooting the lighted nocks the night before, it was easy to see the path of the arrow and I could not detect any fishtailing or porpoising so I was pretty sure the paper tune test was going to work out.

I proceeded to shoot quite a few arrows that evening and the Firenock arrows were grouping well enough with my other arrows that I decided no sight adjustment was necessary. Very long shots in the 40 to 50 yard category were hitting maybe an inch or two lower, but for a hunting setup, it would be hard to account for and inch drop at 40 yards. How often is an animal going to stand still exactly at

a set distance anyway? If I am holding for 38 or 42 yards I am likely going to be off by more than an inch anyway so I saw no need for adjustment.

I have already ordered and received additional matched weight practice nocks and a refresh pack so that I will have enough nocks for all of my practice arrows. I also wanted to make sure that I had a few extra of the plastic nocks in case I ended up shooting the nock off of one of my arrows. The practice nock sets that I ordered came with yellow nocks and I swapped the yellow nocks in place of the red nocks that originally came installed on the lighted Firenocks. It just was a personal preference thing. The yellow seemed a little brighter during the daylight hours and it was nice to have this option. This seemed like another benefit to the Firenock system that I hadn't considered before. Easily swappable replacement parts.

I have shot the Firenocks for over a week now and have long ago lost count of the number of shots I have fired with them. I have not had one single failure to light and have not had one nock fail to stay lit upon impact. I am ready to go. These nocks have stood up to all tests and I cannot think of a hunting situation were these nocks would cause a problem or be a detriment in any way. I cannot wait to try them in the deer woods in two weeks. If all goes according to plan, I will send an update on my experience with these nocks on live game.

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