

ALLOUTDOOR - Lucid Optics 2022 Ballistic Summit Report: Gear, Guns, and Fun, Part 1

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Bilson Arms Pivotal Buttstock

Conference attendees got to see first-hand a brand new invention from [Bilson Arms](#), a company owned by Louisianan Billy Angers, who comes from a background of inventing time-and money-saving upgrades for the oil and gas extraction industry. Like any good inventor, he's made improvements to an old design, in this case the AR15 buttstock. His Pivotal Buttstock slips over a standard buffer tube, replacing a traditional buttstock that only telescopes to one that both telescopes and rotates with the user's or rifle's position.



Bilson Arms Pivotal Buttstock, in gift-worthy packaging.

The butt part of the aluminum stock is set on a socket joint that allows the shooter to maintain a good cheek and shoulder weld while moving the rifle about. This was well-demonstrated with Pincus's rifle, which bore a magnifying Lucid L7 scope on top and the Li'l Mo at 45 degrees. It was unusual, and efficient, to be able to

rapidly switch between optics without resetting cheek and shoulder contact points. Users can easily adjust tension to allow the butt to rotate more or less freely.

I can see this stock being superb for obstacle courses, hunting afield, or any situation requiring odd positioning. It offers the chance to maintain shoulder contact and reduce recoil for quicker follow-up shots at times when breaking shoulder contact with a traditional stock would be the only answer. The stock also has a nice recoil pad. A spare ball is included in case the original is lost.

Clear as mud? Billy has a good video showing installation and adjustment of the Pivotal Buttstock on the Bilson Arms website.



The Pivotal Buttstock gives a cushioned, custom feel, but really shines when transitioning between top and 45 degree-mounted optics.

The Pivotal Buttstock is offered online in black Cerakote. At the Summit we saw it in an array of Cerakote colors, presented in a gift-worthy box. I'm sure Bilson Arms can set buyers up with their preferred color. Direct order for \$239.00.