

Purpose With Your Can

They have different features making certain suppressors more or less ideal for a given purpose. One fabulous third-party resource is a site called Pew Science. They offer un-biased evaluations on suppressors across the market using a variety of metrics.

There are countless manufacturers on the market today with some incredible options to fit the needs, wants and desires of the most discriminating can(sumer). For our goal of identifying features to focus on when pairing your purpose to your can, we are going to stick with one manufacturer that offers a great spread of products we can use as examples – Silencer Central.

Let's get started!

There are a lot of factors to consider when selecting that just-right suppressor. Prioritizing needs and wants is a great start! For our first buyer, finding that one can for that one gun is the goal. That buyer will evaluate caliber first. What cal is it going on? This will allow maximum efficiency in the end-usage experience.

Second, is this buyer managing for ounces? Will this be on a sheep rifle going up and down the mountains, or will it be in a case on a 4-wheeler that gets parked beneath a heated box blind with Wi-Fi, a coffeemaker and a recliner? Weight is much more of an issue in the first scenario.

Third, features. What's important? Is decibel reduction the main goal? Recoil mitigation? User-serviceable, or no? Integrally suppressed? Direct thread?

For our second buyer, figuring out the largest caliber needing suppression is the first step. From there, hubs or adapters may be employed to swap the suppressor back and forth. Thread patterns are different for different caliber ranges. Adapters and appropriate hubs can be acquired to use one can on all the guns.

Our third buyer wants all the cans and all the guns. This buyer is the quintessential "find something you like and get it in every color" type person. It can become a hobby of epic proportions. This buyer will acquire a suppressor just so they can buy another gun (and vise versa).

Let's look at some options that fall into our categories! For simplicity, remember we are looking at a single manufacturer (Silencer Central) to provide examples that fit each category. There are hundreds of companies out there to choose from.

If you're looking for one suppressor to go on a single gun, the Banish line from Silencer Central is great for all-purpose use and decibel reduction. If you want to manage for ounces, check out their Backcountry line. In keeping with the name, this line is suited to more active pursuits and fewer recliners.

Our next buyer wants something that will cover all bases. This person needs to look at availability of hubs and adapters for whatever option they go with so that one can will go on all the guns. The Banish 46 is a great option because it covers over and above the .30-cal range. I personally have this unit and employ it on a 9.3x62 and soon a .338 ARC. Decibel and recoil reduction are significant.

The last buyer has all the guns and all the cans. From pistols to rifles, shooting suppressed is fabulous fun. Silencer Central offers a couple of great options for .22 caliber pistols and rifles. The Banish 22 and K 22 are both tons of fun for your plinking pleasure.

This buyer has the spectrum of calibers, platforms and purposes for their gun vault. From timeless lever guns to big bore behemoths, suppressed fun is just a lathe turn

away (if not already threaded).

Something to keep in mind – while you may start as our first or second buyer, suppressors are an incredibly addicting facet of the shooting market. While I am personally un-inked, I've heard they're like tattoos – once you get one, you just want to keep going!

That said, selecting the suppressor that's right for you starts with a needs analysis to pair your purpose and goals with your can. Enjoy your journey living suppressed and happy shooting!

For more information on some of the aforementioned products, check out www.silencercentral.com!

"Suppressors are purpose-built components that need to be selected with the same care and consideration as barrels, actions, powder, optics or bullet constructs."

