

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH A GRIPPER

DUNCAN BUSBY HAS HAD A BRAND NEW SET OF STABILISER MOUNTS FROM GRIPPER ARCHERY ON TRIAL

Since effective stabilisation can improve both your shooting accuracy and comfort, how you choose to attach your stabilisers to your bow will have an enormous effect on your scores too.

Current shooting trends demand an off-set bracket that is both solid and adjustable: pro archers are increasingly using stiffer bars, which feature more weights but less dampening. So the need for a stabiliser mount that can deliver customisable performance and cope with the growing pressures exerted upon it is greater than ever.

Gripper Archery's uniquely designed off-set mount meets all of these needs. Developed by archers for archers, Gripper archery is the brainchild of Swedish pro Peter Grip. Using techniques from the automotive and space industry, the Gripper off-set mount not only locks firmly into place but offers



THE SINGLE BAR MOUNT IS DUNCAN'S CURRENT MOUNT OF CHOICE ...

endless adjustment possibilities. Featuring the latest in technology and innovations Gripper Archery products aim to drive the advancement of the sport through the development of equipment, for every archer, at a fair price, making Gripper's Single Bar and V-Bar mounts a great, affordable addition to your stabilisation set-up.

My own experience with Gripper Archery products has been impressive. I chose to shoot with the Single Bar and as soon as I removed the packaging I immediately noticed how solid the bracket felt. I attached it to my riser with a chunky 5/16-inch allen bolt, which is the standard thread size for

stabilisers so you'll find it will fit into most rear mounting holes.

The range of movement on the bracket is limited only to your imagination (or your bow design) and once positioned the innovative locking system ensures that the bracket cannot move. Typically, off-set brackets feature serrated or toothed locking systems and over the years I have witnessed many archers having to re-tighten these off-set mounts as they work themselves loose. This can happen because the mechanism uses weak or undersized teeth, and if these slip or break your stabilisers will move and your performance will be affected. The angle adjustment on the Gripper mount is

THE ANGLE ADJUSTMENT ON THE GRIPPER MOUNT IS SECURED USING A CONE LOCKING SYSTEM, IN WHICH A SMALLER CONE IS TIGHTENED INTO A LARGER ONE



secured using a cone locking system, in which a smaller cone is tightened into a larger one, creating an extremely solid and strong joint. Once tightened, the locking bolts have no play in them nor is there a possibility of the mechanism working loose.

The bracket felt extremely solid and, once attached firmly and securely to my bow, I added a 12-inch rear bar with 23oz of weight and was happy to find that the off-set mount had no unwanted flex – there's nothing worse than having a bracket that wobbles and vibrates during the shot.

After an entire day of shooting I checked for any movement and was pleased to see the bracket was in the same position I'd set it in at the start of practice. Over the course of the

week I made a few further adjustments to refine the angle of my rear bar and found the process was quick and easy; you simply loosen the locking bolt, move the rear bar, and re-tighten. With no locking teeth to worry about I had no limitations to the bar's position and I found the movement was extremely smooth.

The Gripper bracket is one of the most solid feeling off-set mounts I've ever used. Even after a field tournament, with the inevitable knocks and bumps, I found the off-set mount had not moved. I know I can trust this equipment under even the toughest of conditions and it has given me confidence in my stabiliser set-up I had not had before.

The Gripper Archery bracket is fast becoming a favourite among the shooting elite, favoured by field archery champion Ivana Buden and World Championships gold medallist Jesse Broadwater, the Gripper off-set mount is now a permanent feature on my bow too.

Its solid build and uniquely effective locking mechanism make this product one of the best additions to the archery market in years, and I would recommend it to every archer whatever their discipline. So try the Gripper mount yourself and watch your confidence in your gear, and hopefully your performance, soar. For more information, check out www.gripperarchery.com. ☺

Available from:
 Single Bar – £40
 V-Bar – £55
 Duncan Busby Archery
www.duncanbusbyarchery.com

