

DBA VHD 8x42

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The Opticron DBA VHD binoculars are advertised as being smaller, lighter, brighter and sharper.

I'm from Minnesota, but I've driven through the Show Me State. Wernher Von Braun said, "One good test is worth a thousand expert opinions."

I took the Opticrons birding because binoculars make great birding companions. They never complain.

Binoculars may not open any doors for me, but they make me want to go outside through any door.

The binoculars were comfortable in hand and at eye. No matter what it was, I wanted to look at it with these binoculars, a compact package that close focused to 8 feet. That meant I'd be able to see my feet through them if I were much taller.

There are bluebird days and there are turkey vulture days. They are both good.

It had been a turkey vulture day. The big birds performed their extraordinary aerial ballet overhead as I walked. I found room for each vulture in my binoculars. A perfect fit.

One of the vultures wasn't a vulture. The tail told the tale. I got great looks. Not all optics can pull off that look, but the binoculars never blinked.

As I watched a zone-tailed hawk fly far above me in Arizona, I fell in love with the Opticron binoculars.

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