

INVESTMENT GRADE ACQUISITION

BUNDESWEHR MG3 FELDLAFETTE & HENSOLDT OPTICS

A Masterclass in Cold War Mechanised Precision



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ITEM TITLE : BUNDESWEHR MG3 FELDLAFETTE & HENSOLDT PERISCOPE SIGHT

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MANUFACTURER : DISA (Dansk Industri Syndikat) & Hensoldt Wetzlar

MODEL : MG3 Feldlafette & 4x Periscope Sight

DATE OF ORIGIN : Cold War Era

PROVENANCE : West German Federal Ministry of Defence (BMVtdg)



THE HERO NARRATIVE: BRUTALIST ENGINEERING & OPTICAL SUPREMACY

The development of the West German Bundeswehr required mechanised infantry assets capable of establishing absolute sector control. The MG3 Feldlafette (field tripod) is the physical manifestation of this doctrine—a platform designed to transform a general-purpose machine gun into a highly stabilised, long-range area-denial asset.

This specific rig is anchored by an irrefutable piece of military provenance: the Hensoldt Wetzlar 4x Periscope Sight. Clearly stamped with the “BMVtdg” proof mark, this optic was formally accepted into the West German Federal Ministry of Defence’s arsenal. Furthermore, the prominent, field-applied white rack number “46 12” painted directly onto the optical housing elevates this piece from unissued surplus to an artifact with genuine, active-service honest patina.

The mount itself is manufactured by DISA (Dansk Industri Syndikat), a name intrinsically linked to the highest echelons of European precision casting and military ordnance. The heavy, buffered cradle allows the MG3 to recoil against heavy internal springs, isolating the weapon’s violent cyclic rate from the tripod legs. This brutalist engineering permits devastatingly accurate searching fire at ranges exceeding 1,200 metres, directed flawlessly through the Hensoldt optics.



THE FORENSIC GRID: MICRO-ASSET VERIFICATION

Our forensic scrutiny of the primary substrate and secondary ephemera confirms the rigorous manufacturing tolerances expected of NATO-era German and Danish contracts.



1. The Manufacturer :

The physical presence of DISA manufacturing confirms a premium-tier production standard, distinguishing this unit from lesser-quality licensed copies.



2. The Optical Proofing :

The primary optic is die-struck with "HENSOLDT WETZLAR", the "BMVtdg" acceptance stamp, and the NATO Stock Number "1240-12-145-7100".



3. The Serial & Rack Numbers :

The optic is serialised "14283". Crucially, it retains the highly desirable, hand-painted active-service rack number "46 12".

1 FERNROHR, ZIEL-, MG
4-fache Vergrößerung
Vers.-Nr.: 1240-12-145-7100
1 AUFBEWAHRUNGSBEHAELTER, ZIELFERNROHR
Vers.-Nr.: 1240-12-145-7101
2 PATRONE, TROCKEN-, Silicagel, 3,5 ccm
Vers.-Nr.: 4440-12-137-9092

4. Secondary Ephemera Validation :

The original "AUFBEWAHRUNGSBEHAELTER"(Storage Container) retains its pristine data plate, verifying the contents for the "FERNROHRE ZIEL-MG", cataloguing field accoutrements such as the "PINSEL STAUB" (Dust brush) and "REINIGUNGSLAPPEN, LINSEN-" (Lens cleaning cloth).

CONFIGURATION & CONDITION REPORT

This DISA Feldlafette and Hensoldt optical rig is presented in an exceptionally complete, investment-grade configuration, retaining vital organic components that are routinely stripped or degraded in surplus depots.

Condition Assessment:

The primary steel substrate retains a deep, honest patina over the original West German olive green finish. Critically, the mount still features the factory-applied high-visibility red operational markers on the locking levers and release catches—a strict Bundeswehr safety protocol for low-light manipulation. The canvas transport straps remain supple and firmly attached to the frame, highlighting careful long-term preservation.

Optical Clarity : The Hensoldt Wetzlar periscope sight remains robust. The external glare shield and filter controls, clearly marked “klar” (clear) and “grau” (grey), rotate with the machined resistance characteristic of premium German optical engineering.



Configuration List:

- DISA-manufactured buffered tripod frame with adjustable legs and integrated bubble level.
- Traverse & Elevation (T&E) mechanism with incremental dials marked for precision indexing.
- Original heavy-duty canvas transport shoulder straps.
- Integrated, padded optical transit case with verified data plates.
- Hensoldt Wetzlar 4x Periscope Sight (Serial: 14283).

TACTICAL TRAINING: THE MG3 FELDLAFETTE IN ACTION



Recruits mastering the MG3 Feldlafette—a Cold War-era tripod mount fitted with a Hensoldt 4x periscope sight for high-precision, long-range fire.



Reserve service members of Support Battalion Deployment 1 mastering the MG3 Feldlafette and periscope sight during their final Jäger training phases at the Münster Handorf practice ground.



German Bundeswehr reservists utilize the stabilized MG3 Feldlafette system to provide high-precision fire support during field exercises at the Münster Handorf practice ground

INVESTMENT SUMMARY & ACQUISITION

The acquisition of complete, unmolested Cold War-era mechanised support platforms has become increasingly difficult as institutional collections consolidate blue-chip assets.

This DISA-manufactured MG3 Feldlafette represents a premium tier of military heritage. It is not a sterile, post-war refurbished unit; the presence of the BMVtdg proof and the "46 12" field-applied rack number on the Hensoldt optics guarantees its active-service history on the front lines of a divided Europe. For the serious curator or investor in mechanised engineering, this rig offers an unparalleled intersection of optical precision and brutalist industrial design.



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