

UBR Gen 1 - Gen 2 Comparison

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Over the last 2 years since the revision of the service rifle rules to allow optics as well as other changes, the Magpul UBR stock has proven to be the overwhelming favorite for service rifle shooters wanting a stock with length of pull adjustment. Its solid lock-up, fine adjustments, and heavier weight than most other comparable stocks have made it the go to stock. The design also made it easy to add more weight to balance the rifle to the shooters preference. Unfortunately some of those features which HP shooters liked, are not needed, or even desirable, for other missions that these rifles are called to be used for. This led to Magpul doing a redesign of the stock to make it more attractive to a larger market. This redesign is the UBR Gen 2. I thought it might be helpful to do a comparison of the two stocks from a service rifle shooters perspective.

The first thing you notice is the new stock is much lighter. The weight of the Gen 1 is one of the complaints many tactical users had of the Gen 1 stock. At 26.1 ounces the Gen 1 is a very heavy stock. Of course this is fine for service rifle shooters, but not needed or wanted for other applications. The new Gen 2 comes in at 21.2 oz. We are in the process of designing weights for the Gen 2 to try and get it up to where we need it in order to balance a heavy service rifle.

Another feature of the Gen 2 is what Magpul calls a “rollover on the toe”. This was added to reduce snagging when mounting and unmounting the rifle particularly when wearing bulky clothing or body armor. What it means to us is that the toe is tapered off at an angle which may make it more difficult to get the stock to stay in your shoulder if you have a very high stock position for offhand. I suspect however that it is just a matter of time and someone will offer a replacement butt pad that has a flat rear face.

The other issue Magpul tried to address was cost. The Gen 1 was a very expensive stock to manufacture. The Gen 2 has fewer parts in the adjustment mechanism to facilitate ease of manufacture. While I do not feel the Gen 2 locks up quite as rigid as the original, the difference is very slight. The Gen 2 is slightly easier to adjust and remove. The original had a street price of \$250, while the Gen 2 goes for roughly \$190.



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One feature I do like about the new stock is the longer length of pull. The Gen 2 will go to a full 15.3" length of pull compared to the 14.4" of the original. However due to the longer length of the buffer tube, we will likely not be able to offer the receiver extension weight as we did for the Gen 1, or if we do it will not be able to be as long or heavy.

Bottom line, both are good stocks. My preference is for the Gen 1 due to the weight, solid lockup, and ability to easily add weight. The Gen 2 does offer a cost savings and offers most of the advantages of the Gen 2. The longer length of pull may also be favored by some shooters.



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Image: Magpul UBR Gen 2 on top (Flat Dark Earth color) compared to the UBR Gen 1 (Black).



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