## Using a compass to sight a bearing to a distant target.

Measures an angle between Magnetic North, your location, and the distant target.


## Using a compass to get a bearing to a distant target.

- Sight to the target with the compass.
- Turn the ring to align the orienting arrow with the red end of the magnetic needle.
- Read the bearing from the ring at the index line.



## Sighting with a Mirrored Compass



- Hold the compass level with the mirror at about a $45^{\circ}$ angle.
- Use the sighting notch to align the compass with the target.
- Looking into the mirror, turn the dial to align the orienting arrow with the north needle.

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## Sighting with a Mirrored Compass



- Turn the dial to align the orienting arrow with the north arrow.



## Needle Parallax

Good


Bad


Keep the needle parallel to the orienting arrow.

## Parallax Side View



## Needle Parallax

View from Above


View from Behind



## Sighting with a Mirrored

 Compass

- Read the bearing from the index line



Each increment is $2^{\circ}$ Longer tics every $10^{\circ}$ Labeled every $20^{\circ}$


## $212^{\circ}$


$36^{\circ}$




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## Circle in a Circle to "Box the Needle"

## Labeled every $10^{\circ}$

 Longer tics every $5^{\circ}$ Each increment is $1^{\circ}$


## $357^{\circ}$

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## Sighting with a Lensatic Style Compass




## 1850 mils <br> $104^{\circ}$



## 550 mils $31^{\circ}$



## 4640 mils $261^{\circ}$



## 5750 mils <br> $323^{\circ}$

## Sighting with a Direct Sighting Style Compass



Floating Compass Card
Side View


# Forward bearings in large type Back bearings in small type 

Labeled every $10^{\circ}$ Increases left-to-right Longer tics every $5^{\circ}$ Each increment is $1^{\circ}$

Forward bearing?


Back bearing?



Forward bearing?
Back bearing?


# Forward bearings in black type Back bearings in red type 

Labeled every $10^{\circ}$ Increases right-to-left Each increment is $1^{\circ}$

Forward bearing?


Back bearing?
$96^{\circ}$

