

# THE FINAL SCORE

MORE THAN  
YOU'D EXPECT

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Matt with his gold nugget and the Triple Score.  
Photo courtesy of Shane Durrance

In June 2024, Nokta Detection Technologies released the newest addition to its detector lineup — the Triple Score. So, what earns it the name “Triple” Score? Great question! It’s the third detector in Nokta’s Score Series — an arsenal of powerful, feature-packed detectors: the Score, Double Score, and the Triple Score. While the first two hit the market in the fall of 2023, the Triple Score takes things to the next level. The Score Series machines are low-cost and quality-packed simultaneous multi-frequency metal detectors. Whether you’re a newbie or seasoned pro, the Score detectors are built to get you up and running fast — and I’ve got a perfect example of that coming up. In this article, I’ll break down the key differences between the Score Series metal detectors and help you figure out which one is the best fit for your needs. But before we dive into the details of each model, it’s important to understand what sets them apart: simultaneous multi-frequency (SMF) technology.

## So, What Exactly is SMF (Simultaneous Multi-Frequency), and Why Does it Matter?

A metal detector operates by sending radio frequencies into the ground, creating an electromagnetic field. When a metal object interrupts this field, the detector gives off an audible sound. However, different frequencies respond better to different types of metals. For example, silver is more easily detected by lower frequencies like 4 kHz and 10 kHz, while higher frequencies, such as 40 kHz or 61 kHz, are better at picking up raw gold.

This is where SMF technology comes in. By sending multiple frequencies into the ground simultaneously, SMF detectors increase your chances of finding valuable targets that a single-frequency detector may miss.

That said, single-frequency detectors are highly effective. Many top manufacturers continue to produce powerful single-frequency detectors that are used to find coins, relics, jewelry, and gold nuggets all over the world.

## Built for All Types

Now that the basics of SMF technology are covered, let’s dig into Nokta’s new SMF Score Series machines. All three models come equipped with a host of features, like pinpoint accuracy, automatic noise cancellation, vibration alerts, target ID ranging from 01 to 60, a waterproof 12x9-inch DD search coil, an LCD display with backlight, LED flashlight, Bluetooth headphone capability and a three-year warranty.

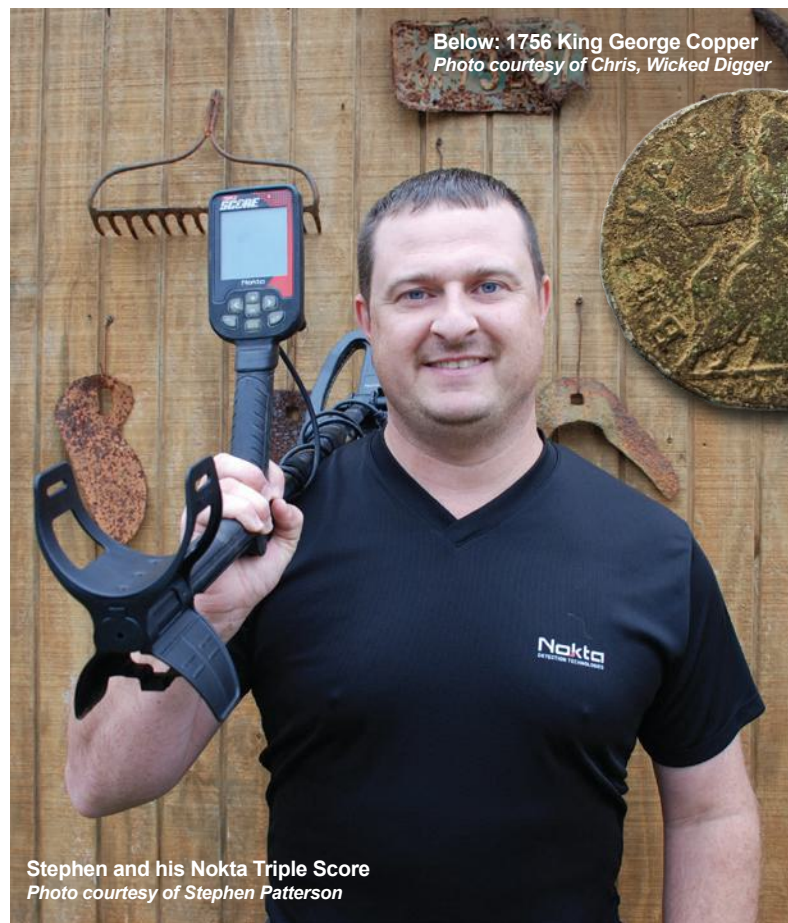
The Nokta Score is the entry-level model, designed with simplicity in mind. While it has fewer settings and features, it’s still programmed with three search modes — Park, Field, and Beach — each fine-tuned for specific terrains.

One of the standout features of the Score is its excellent discrimination abilities. choose from three discrimination patterns: Ground discrimination (helpful for eliminating black sands or microscopic iron), Ferrous discrimination (to filter out iron like nails and rusty debris), or Custom discrimination, where you can manually adjust the detector to filter out a specific range of metal targets.

## Score vs. Double Score vs. Triple Score

The Nokta Score detectors utilize multiple frequencies simultaneously — 4 kHz, 15 kHz, and 20 kHz. Each of these detectors can operate in single frequency as well as in SMF. The Score and the Double Score models allow single-frequency operation at 15 kHz, while the Triple Score offers even more versatility, letting users choose between 4, 15, or 20 kHz as needed. The Double Score introduced several additional features that aren’t available on the Score model, including a notch filter, iron filter, three levels of recovery speed, and ground balance.

The Triple Score takes it a few steps further with an extra search mode specifically for relic hunting, three customizable user profiles, and five adjustable levels for recovery speed, giving users more control and precision.

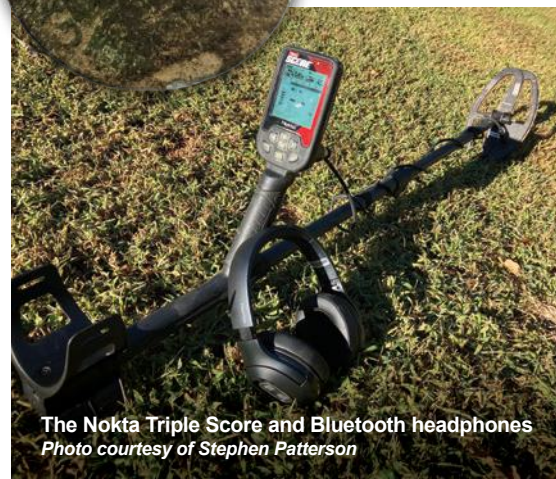


Stephen and his Nokta Triple Score  
Photo courtesy of Stephen Patterson

Below: 1756 King George Copper  
Photo courtesy of Chris, Wicked Digger



Nokta Score with jewelry finds: Silver Cat Earring and Silver Canadian Dime  
Photo courtesy of Stephen Patterson



The Nokta Triple Score and Bluetooth headphones  
Photo courtesy of Stephen Patterson

### My Personal Experience

I personally own both the Score and the Triple Score, and the best part about these metal detectors is what I have found in the ground with them. On my first outing with the Score last January, I set out to explore as many public park playgrounds as I could. Two parks in particular were exceptionally good to me. In one, I found a silver 1962 Canadian dime about six or seven inches deep. This was a crazy find, to say the least. It gave a beautiful high tone and the VDI was bouncing between 46 and 47. At first glance, I thought it was just a really shiny modern dime, but as I got to looking at it, I noticed it was a Canadian dime dated in the silver range. This was a first for me since I have never found a silver Canadian coin before. Later that day, in another city park, I found a silver earring in the shape of a cat. It rang up with a VDI in the 40s as well.

For those curious, I was using Park Mode, Frequency M1, with full sensitivity set at level 5 for those finds.

As for the Triple Score, I've had a few outings with it, mainly at freshwater beaches. On my second trip with the detector, I found a ring, two earrings, and a 1776 Liberty Charm. The irony was that I found it the weekend of the 4th of July. I've even used the Triple Score fully submerged, as all Score Series detectors are waterproof to 16 feet. While my water detecting settings can vary, I usually run the machine in Park Mode, Frequency M3.

The Score Series machines are truly great detectors, but you don't have to take my word for it. Let me share two success stories from fellow Score users who have unearthed some great finds recently.

### Wicked Finds and Golden Surprises

One of Nokta's brand representatives, Chris — better known as “Wicked Digger” on YouTube — was out metal detecting on one of his forest permissions in Massachusetts, a site where he's found some really remarkable relics. On this particular day, he was using the Triple Score and had already found a couple wheat pennies and a few relics. Then all of a sudden, while poking around the underbrush, he got a high-tone signal. Curious, he rescanned the spot, noticing the VDI on the control box was bouncing between 45 and 50 on each pass. The sound was subtle, suggesting the target was possibly a coin-sized object and was very deep. After digging down 8 or 9 inches, out came a beautiful 1756 King George II copper half penny. This coin was over 250 years old, and the Triple Score had no trouble picking it up at that depth!

For reference, Wicked Digger's settings were as follows: Park Mode, Frequency M3, Sensitivity 12, Ground Discrimination, and Recovery Speed 3

For all you gold miners out there, this next story will excite you! My friend Shane, known on YouTube as Dedicated Digger, was metal detecting in the north Georgia mountains last summer with a unique mission — helping recover a lost cellphone from a river. A lady had reached out to Shane after her kayak capsized, causing her phone to sink to the bottom of the riverbed. Shane was using his Nokta Legend, while his friend Matt was armed with the Triple Score. They spread out across the river, searching for the phone, when suddenly Matt yelled out for Shane to wade over.

Expecting to see the phone, Shane was stunned when Matt instead opened his hand and asked, “Is this a gold nugget?” They were both in shock! Sure enough, they were both staring at a beautiful gold nugget, nestled in a bedrock crevice, in an area that was once part of the 1830 Georgia gold rush! This is the crazy part. Matt had never used a metal detector before! He was as green as they come yet still able to quickly learn and understand the Triple Score well enough to find that gold nugget!

Shane wasn't sure what settings Matt used as they had only received it the day before this hunt — proving how easy and stable the Triple Score is to just turn on and go.

A tip for anyone using Nokta detectors: giving them a good ground balance and noise cancellation can make all the difference.

These are just a few great success stories of how the Score Series detectors are shaping up in the field and in the water.

### The Question Remains — Which Detector is Right for You?

If you prefer simplicity and don't want to fuss with too many settings but still need a machine capable of handling beaches and highly mineralized soil, the Nokta Score is a great choice. If you would like the ability to ground balance your detector and have a few customizable settings, but you prefer to spend more time digging targets than adjusting settings, the Double Score is the way to go. And if you're a die-hard relic hunter or someone who plans to tackle beach hunts or tough, mineral-heavy soil, the Triple Score is your ideal match.

And here is the best part — all three of these detectors come in under \$500 at the time of writing this article. That is an exceptional value for the performance they deliver — especially compared to higher-priced alternatives.

If any of these detectors spark your interest, check them out on Nokta's website or visit a trusted dealer like Kellyco in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Scan the QR code to watch Wicked Digger's recovery of a 1756 King George II Copper coin with the Triple Score.



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Nokta Triple Score coil with Chris' KG Copper  
Photo courtesy of Chris, Wicked Digger



The gold nugget in Matt's hand  
Photo courtesy of Shane Durrance