

# The Swedish Squad Support Weapon Program

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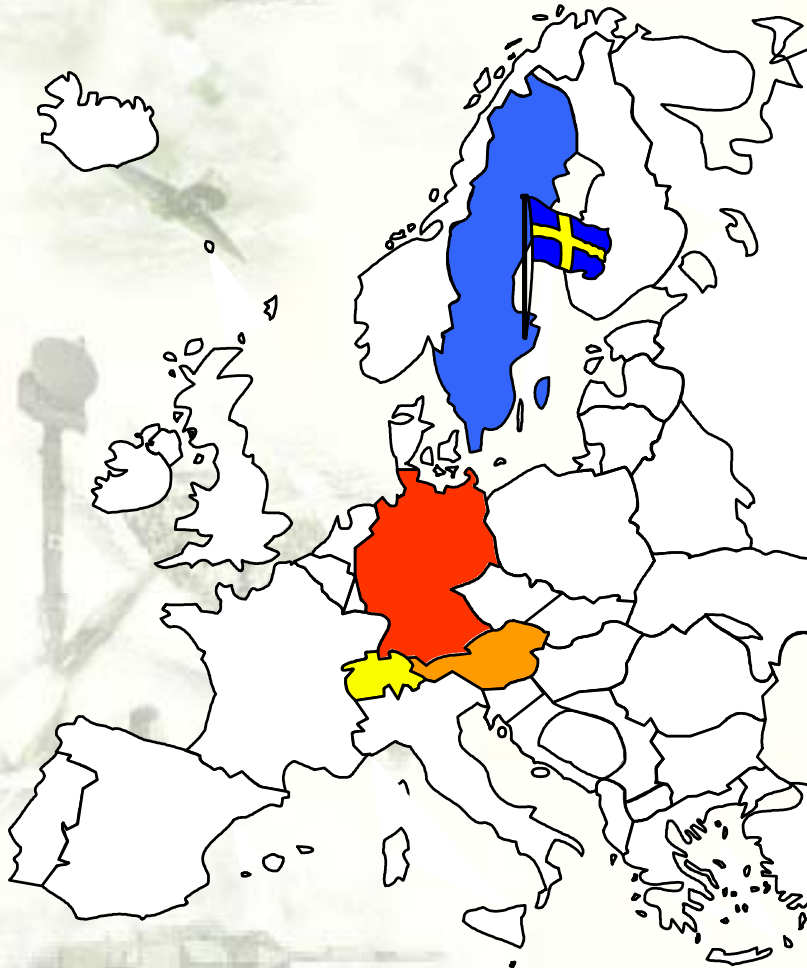
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# Agenda

- ▶ Sweden and FMV
- ▶ Current Swedish SA Programs
- ▶ Some statistics from the NATO IWMP
- ▶ 40mm ballistics
- ▶ Background on SSW
- ▶ Industry Feasibility Study

# Sweden is a high tech, large, cold country with low population...



**Area:** 450,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** 8.8 million

**Temperature:** +5°C (41°F)  
average over area and year.

Sweden has the same area as Germany, Switzerland, and Austria combined, but with only 1/10 of the population!

# Sweden has a long history of international missions!

Sweden has been participating in most of the missions since we joined the UN in 1946.



Swedish international missions in 2004

# Försvarets Materielverk (FMV)



FMV is the technical and procuring agency for the Swedish armed forces.



FMV receives assignments from the armed forces for the development, procurement, upkeep and subsequent de-mil of all defense materiel.



We date back to **1630!**

# The Vasa ship was the reason...



After the Vasa sunk on her maiden trip in 1628, king Gustavus Adolphus ordered that FMV's predecessor should be founded.

# Current Swedish small arms

5.56 mm Ak 5



12.7 mm Barrett



12.7 mm HMG  
M2HB QCB



7.62 mm PSG 90



5.56 mm Minimi



40 mm AGL Mk 19



9 mm Glock 17



40 mm GL M203

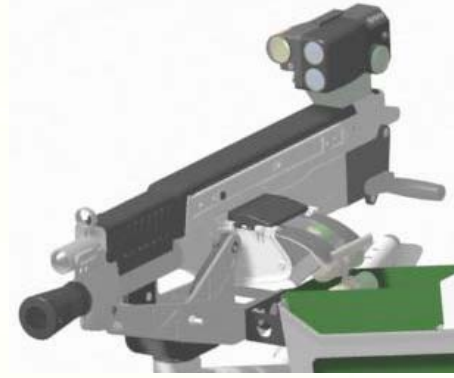


# Some of our current Swedish programs



- ▶ Red-dot sight
- ▶ New ammo: "green", dim tracer and AP
- ▶ Upgrade program for:

- ▶ Ak 5
- ▶ MAG
- ▶ Minimi
- ▶ Barrett



- ▶ Non Lethal Weapons
- ▶ PDW
- ▶ FLSW





# What is FLSW?

The *Future Light Support Weapon* program are two parallel programs:

- ▶ AGL tests: Replace the 40 mm HV Mk19 crew served automatic grenade launcher at the platoon level.
- ▶ SSW study: Replace the 40 mm LV M203 add-on single shot grenade launcher on the ak 5 rifle at the squad level.



# History

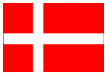
Swedish FLSW Program



SWE/FIN AGL Program



Nordic AGL Program



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New Observers

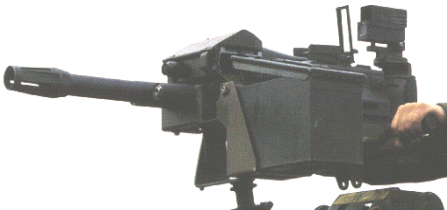


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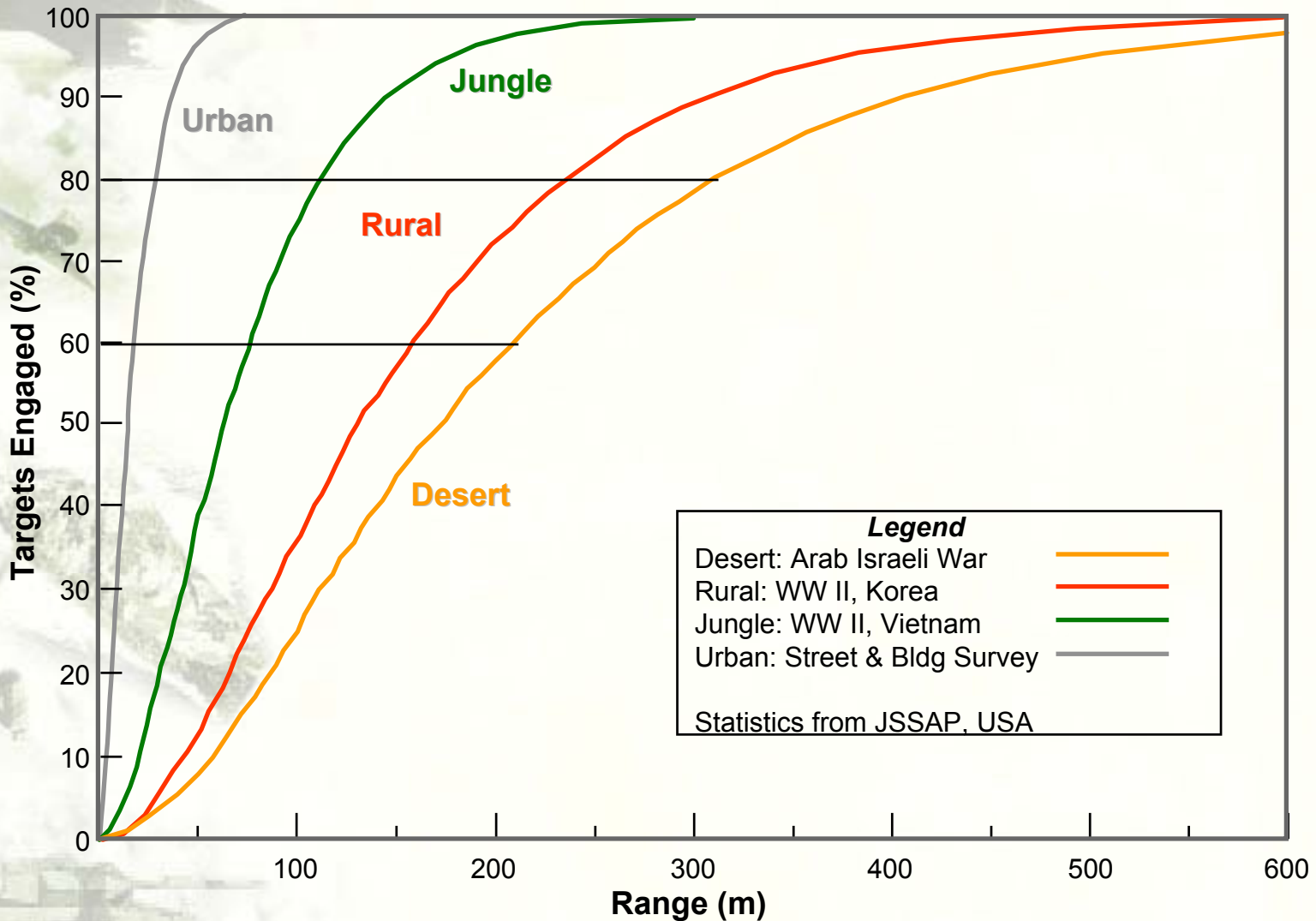
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SWE/US Information exchange agreement

US SOCOM



# Ranges are short!



Information taken from the NATO Infantry Weaponry Master Plan



# Future infantry combat ranges

- ▶ Today 45% of the worlds population live in cities.
- ▶ 70-85% are expected to live in cities by 2025.
- ▶ MOUT will most probably be more common.
- ▶ Combat ranges for low level units will not increase!
- ▶ Short ranges however often means quick engagements. Future weapons must therefore be able to quickly engage targets.



# USMC after action report Iraq

- ▶ Engagements conducted with small arms occurred in the 20-30 meter range.
- ▶ Shots over 100 m were rare.
- ▶ The maximum range was less than 300 m.

# Swedish ballistic study on 40mm ammo

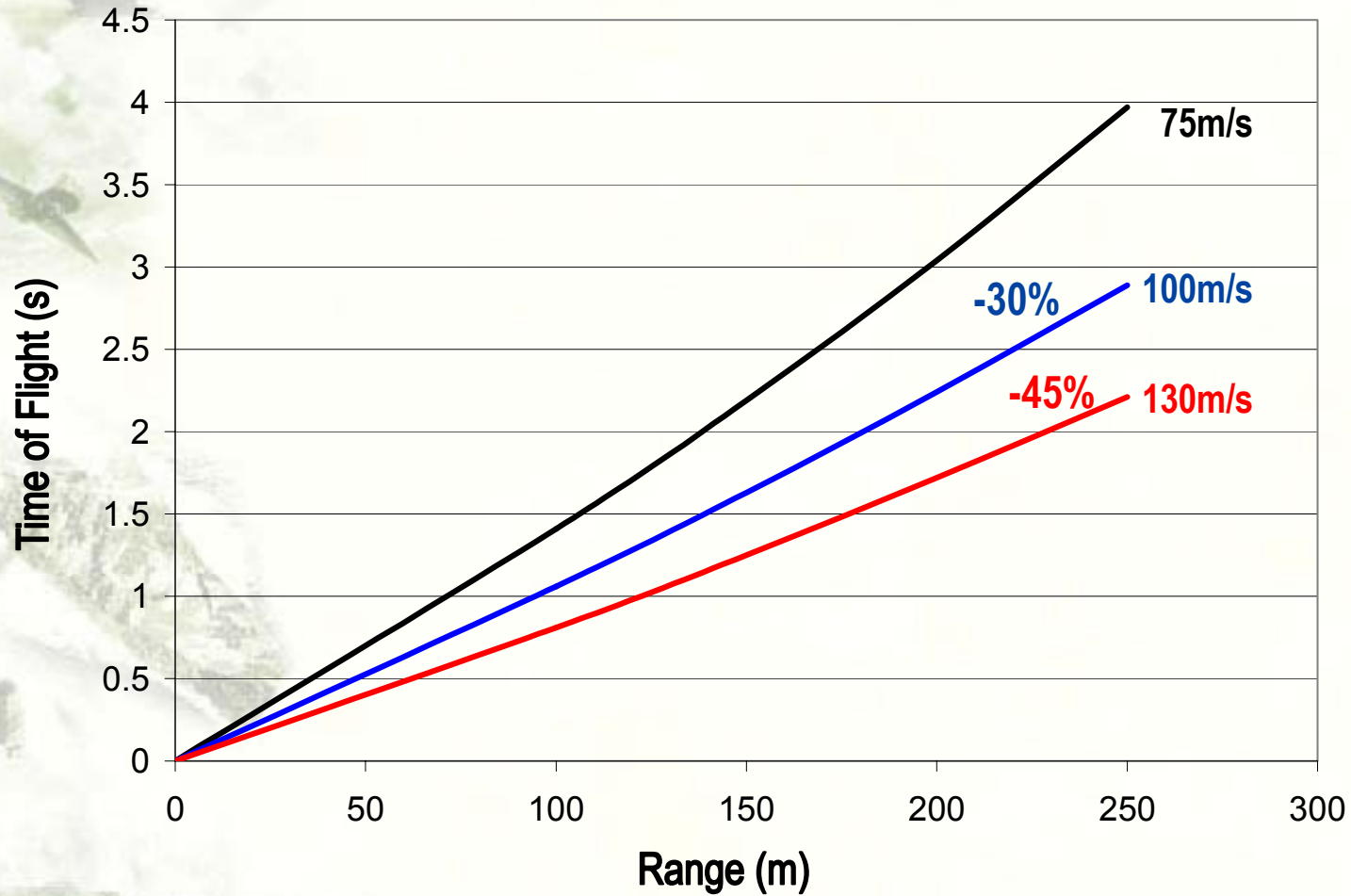
## Different muzzle velocities:

- ▾ 75-80 m/s (40 LV)
- ▾ 95-130 m/s
- ▾ 240 m/s (40 HV)

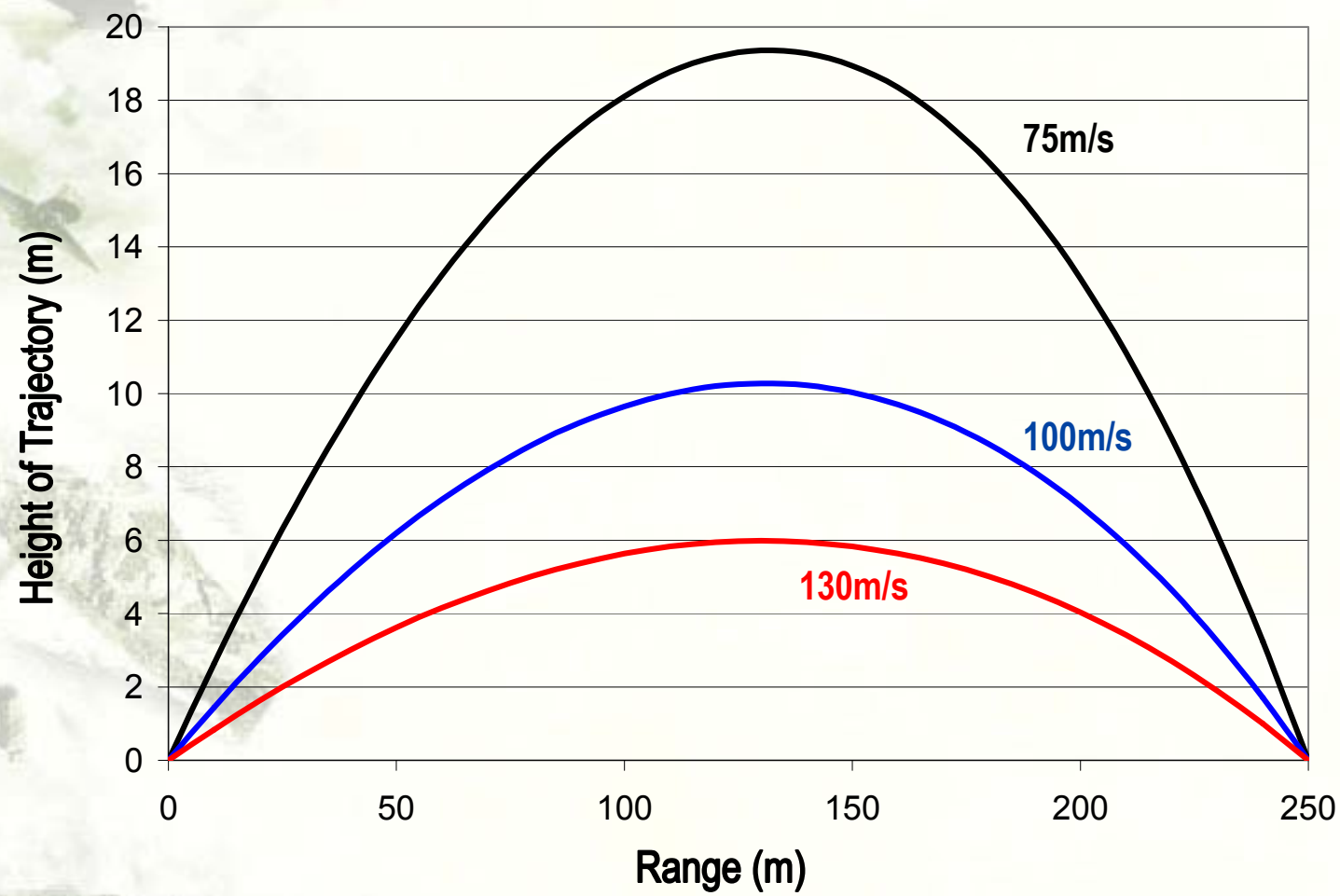
## Different projectile masses:

- ▾ 180-200 g (40 LV)
- ▾ 240-250 g (40 HV)

# Time of flight



# Trajectories





# Summary

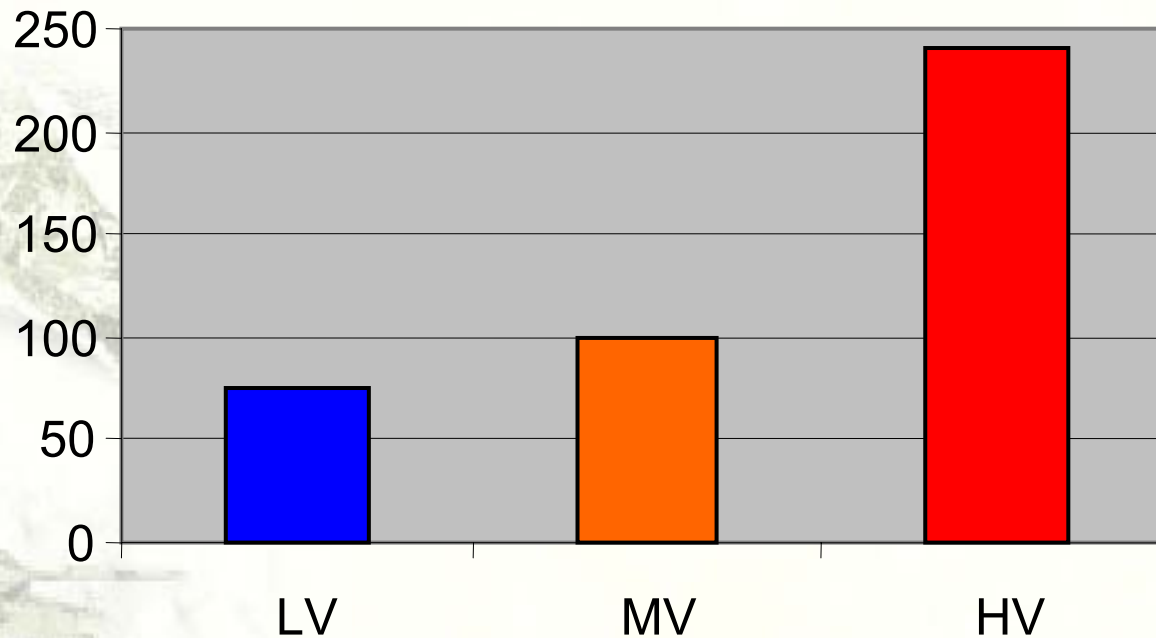
<i><b>MV (m/s)</b></i>	<i><b>Mass (g)</b></i>	<i><b>Range (m)</b></i>
75	180	400
75	250	430
100	180	590
100	250	660



# The 40mm Medium Velocity

Benefits are:

- ▶ Shorter Time of flight
- ▶ Flatter trajectory
- ▶ Longer range



# Current system (FNC/M203)



The soldier carries 12 HE rounds.

- + Simple
- + Reliable
- + Light weight add-on weapon (1.5 kg)
- Low rate of fire (>6 s)
- Low hit probability
- No night capability

# Proposal from Bofors Carl Gustaf 1996

## CG AGR

Carl Gustaf Air-bursting  
Grenade Rifle



### Data

<b>Design:</b>	Bull pup, pump action, locked bolt. Tubular 5-round magazine on top Case ejection downwards behind pistol grip. Short recoil with muzzle brake, side-mounted sight.
<b>Weight:</b>	Total max 5,5 kg. Sight max 1,0 kg. Magazine with 5 rounds max 1,5 kg.
<b>Performance:</b>	Distance up to 500 m. $V_0 < 150$ m/sec. ToF max 4 sec to 500 m.
<b>Ammunition:</b>	Air-bursting HEDP.
<b>Sight:</b>	Magnification $\geq 3\times$ , field of view $\geq 10^\circ$ . Field of elevation $0^\circ$ to $25^\circ$ . Laser distance measurement $\pm 1$ m.
<b>Ammo load:</b>	5 rounds in weapon, 2 x 5 rounds in carried magazines.
<b>Accessories:</b>	Bipod, night vision device, rifle sling, magazine bag, sight cover, cleaning kit, spare parts, repair tools.

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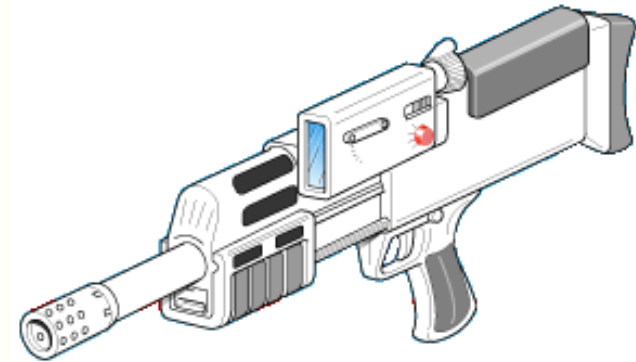
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# What to do at short ranges?

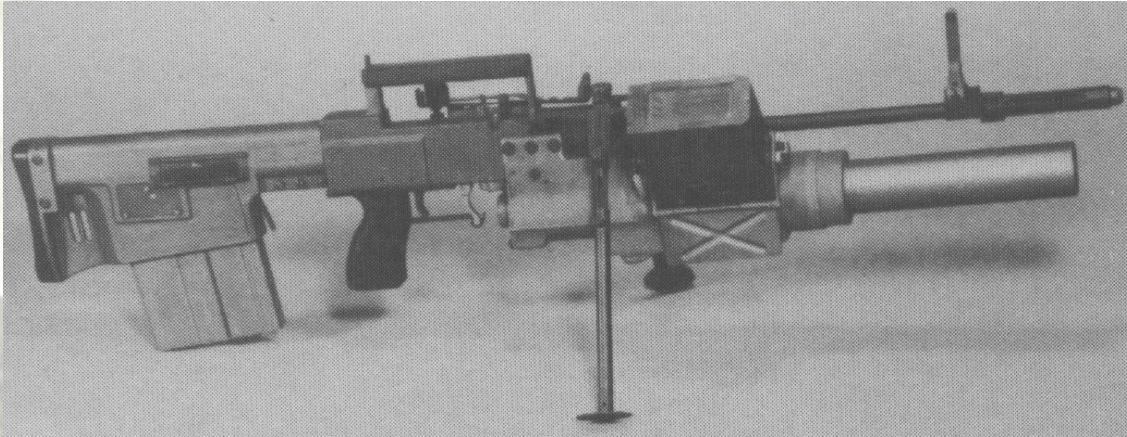
- ▶ MOUT will be more common in the future.
- ▶ At short ranges you should not fire HE rounds!
- ▶ An integrated PDW saves weight compared to a modular 5.56 mm rifle.

# Basic requirements for the SSW

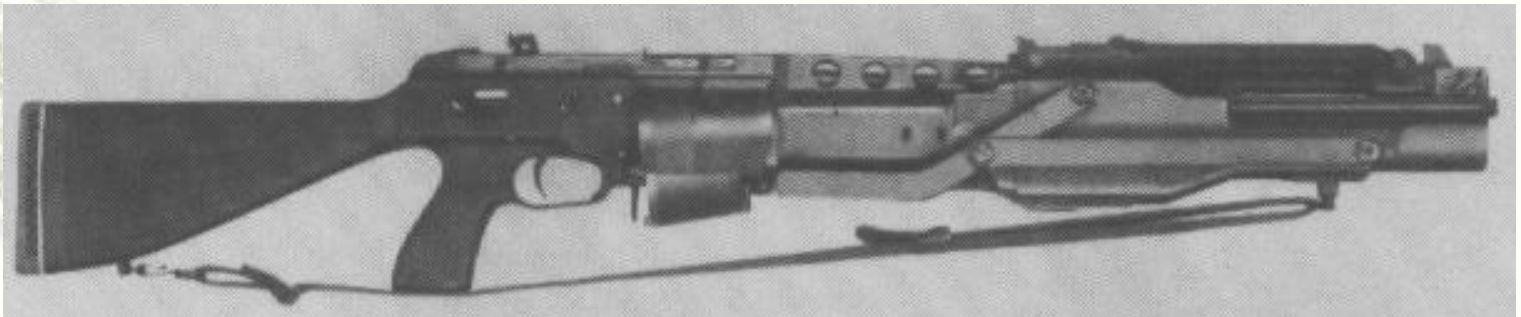
- ▶ System:
  - ▾ Weight: Less than 6 kg.
  - ▾ Range: Up to at least 400 (700) meters.
  - ▾ Easy to handle.
  - ▾ Maximum four hours of class room training.
- ▶ Weapon:
  - ▾ 40 mm semi automatic grenade launcher.
  - ▾ Integrated NATO PDW (5.7 x 28mm).
  - ▾ Magazine: Minimum 4 rounds, and being able to be "toped up" during firing.
- ▶ Fire control system
  - ▾ Red dot aiming reticle w/o magnification.
  - ▾ Battery life should at least be 168 h (=one week).
  - ▾ Should be able to sense which type of ammo is in the chamber.
- ▶ Ammunition:
  - ▾ Programmable ammunition.
  - ▾ Reduced ToF to 250 meters.



# Nothing new...



US SPIW  
Project 1964



Dual caliber weapon: 5.56 mm rifle and 40 mm grenade launcher.

# Even we tried...

## Swedish FFV "NIVA" 1970



Dual caliber weapon: 5.56 mm rifle and 45 mm recoilless gun.

Weight, loaded: 5.4 kg (20 rounds of 5.56 and one 45 mm HEDP)



# Industry Feasibility Study 2002-2003

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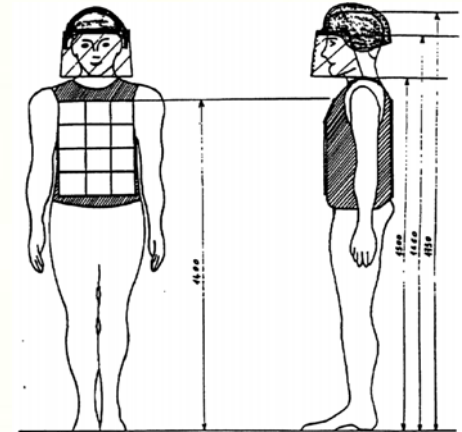
# Industry Feasibility Study 2002-2003

- ▶ Four manufactures:
  - ▾ Saab Bofors Dynamics, Sweden
  - ▾ Nammo Raufoss, Norway
  - ▾ Alliant Tech Systems, USA
  - ▾ STK, Singapore
- ▶ Orders were placed with Nammo and STK.
- ▶ Deliveries by June 2003.

# Lethality study

Industry has studied:

- ▶ MV=75 and 100 m/s.
- ▶ Mass=180 and 250 g.
- ▶ Steel and tungsten fragments.
- ▶ Nose and rear mounted fuzes.
- ▶ Level of protection:
  - ▾ All enemies are carrying body armor according to STANAG 4512.
  - ▾ Half of them are carrying body armor.
  - ▾ No one is carrying body armor.



# Nammo



- ▶ Nammo is the system integrator for the Striker AGL and for this study.
- ▶ Sub contractors for this study are:
  - ▾ Weapon: Fabrique Nationale, Belgium
  - ▾ FCS: Noptel, Finland
  - ▾ Propulsion system: Nico, Germany
  - ▾ Analysis: SDE, United Kingdom

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NORDIC AMMUNITION COMPANY

  
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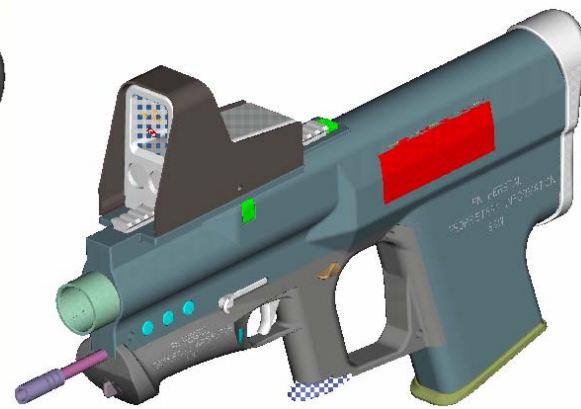


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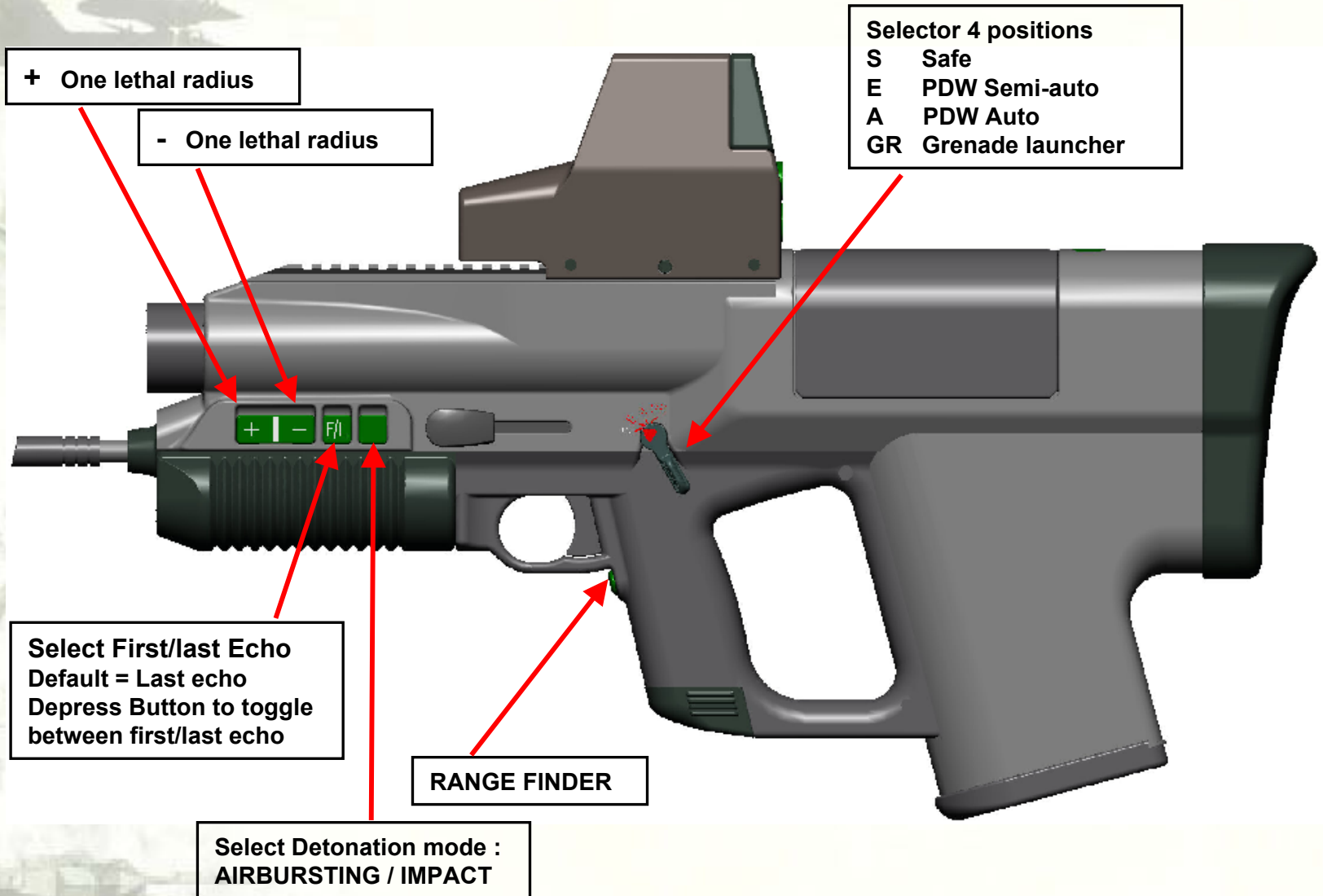
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# Nammo SSW

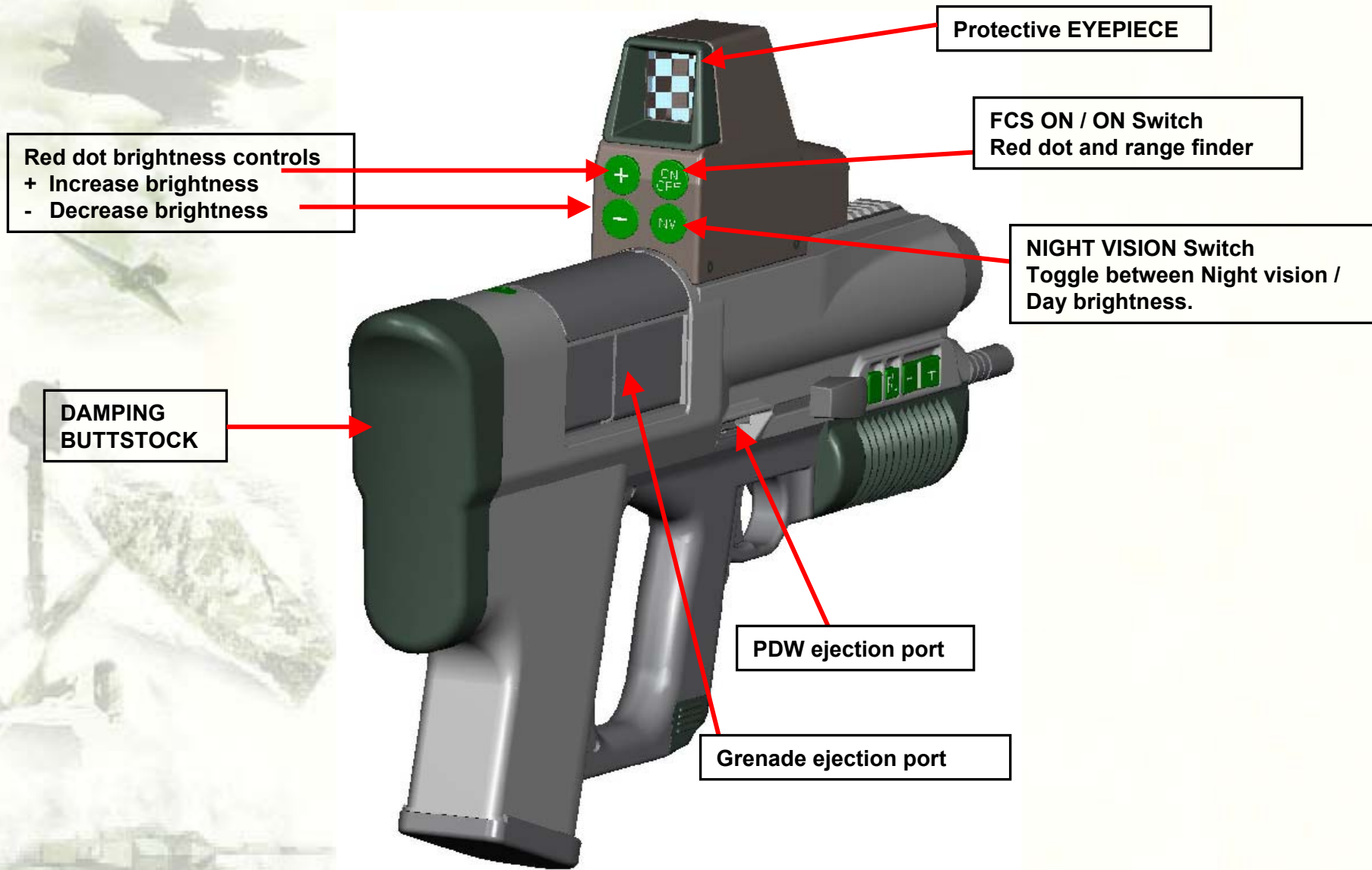
- ▶ Weapon:
  - ▾ Pump-action
  - ▾ 4 round box magazine
  - ▾ Weight: 6.3 kg (5+20)
  - ▾ Length: 690 mm
- ▶ FCS
- ▶ Ammunition



# Nammo SSW features



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Protective EYEPIECE

FCS ON / ON Switch  
Red dot and range finder

NIGHT VISION Switch  
Toggle between Night vision /  
Day brightness.

Red dot brightness controls  
+ Increase brightness  
- Decrease brightness

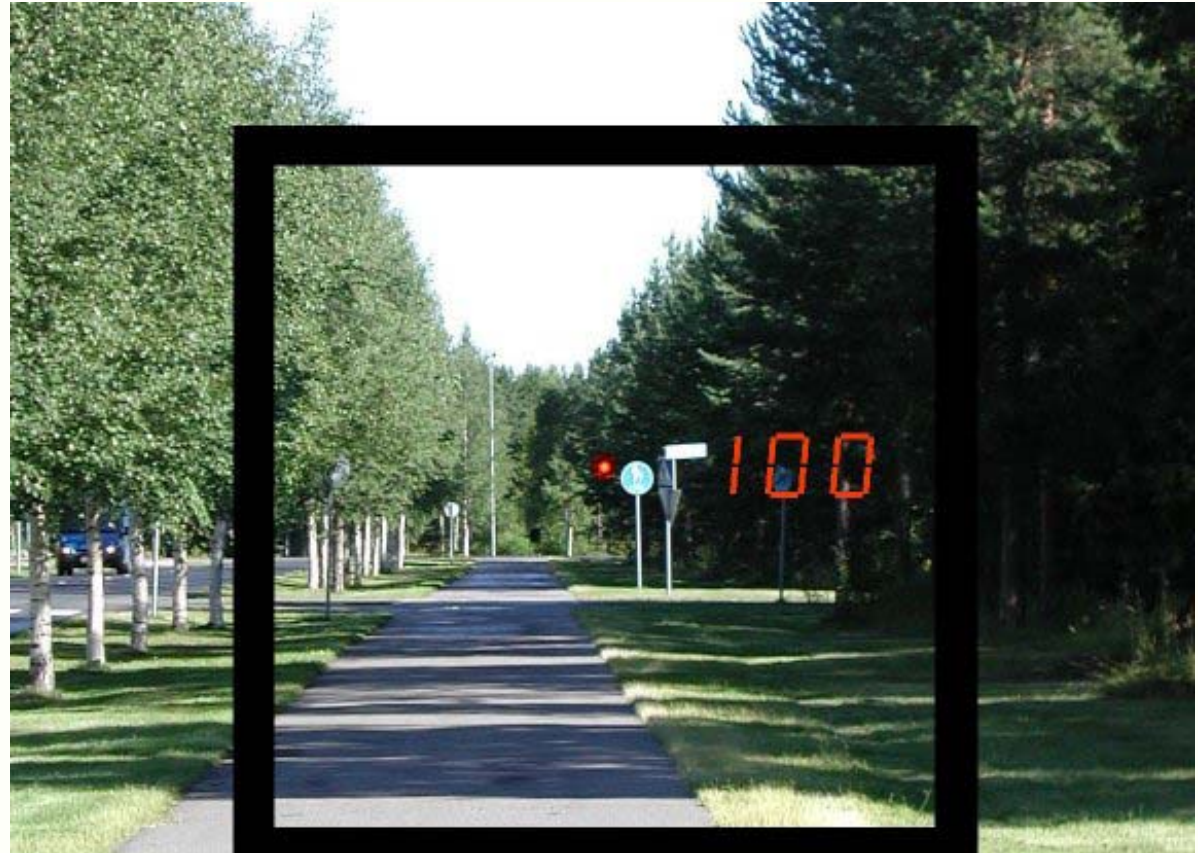
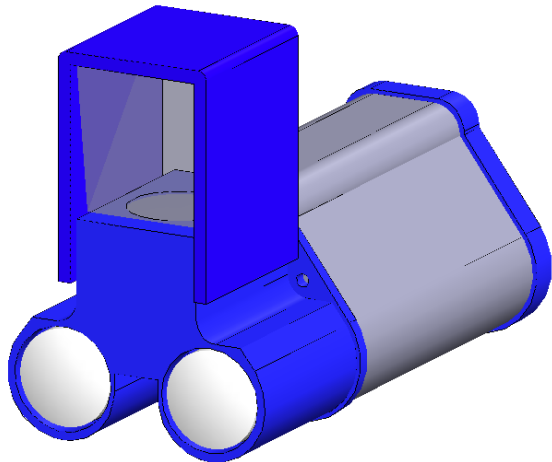
DAMPING  
BUTTSTOCK

PDW ejection port

Grenade ejection port

# Noptel FCS

- ▶ Movable red-dot
- ▶ No magnification
- ▶ FOV=11°
- ▶ L=134 mm
- ▶ H=90 mm
- ▶ W=67 mm
- ▶ Weight=550 g





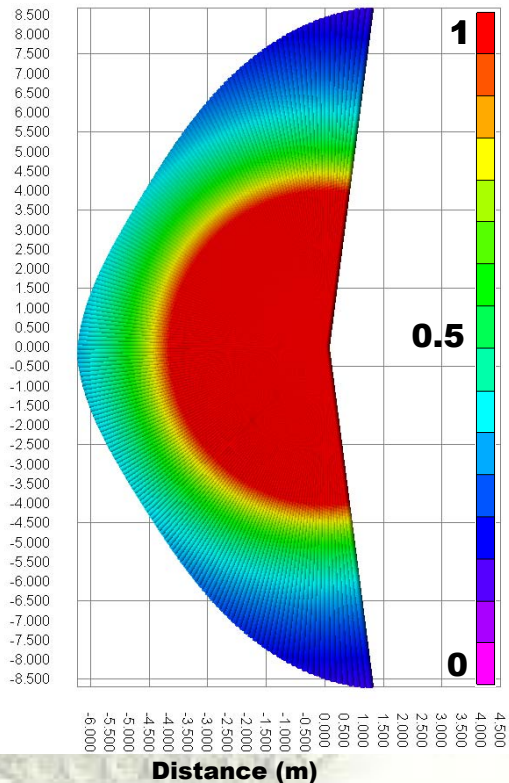
# Nammo ammunition



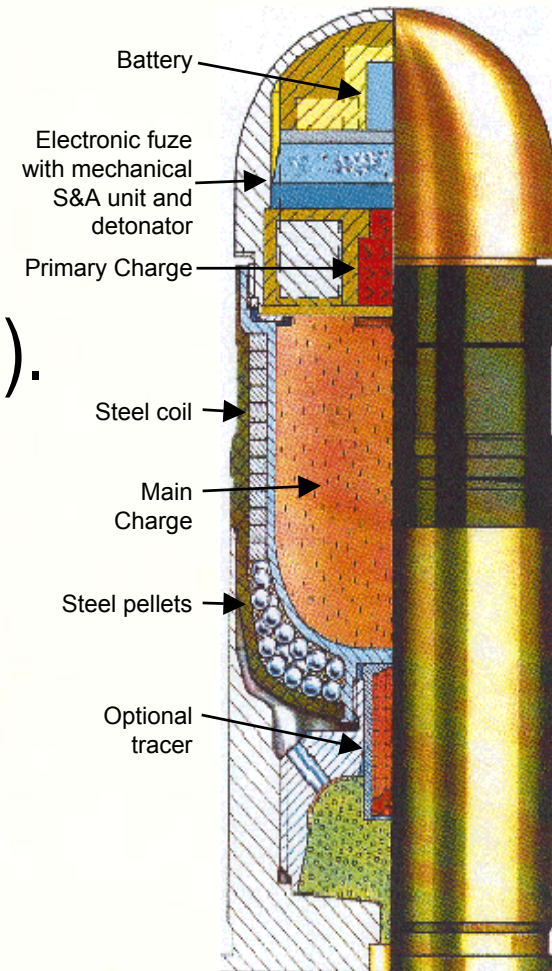
Nammo recommends:

- ▶  $MV=100$  m/s.
- ▶ Mass=250 g.
- ▶ Steel fragments (1450).
- ▶ Nose mounted fuze.

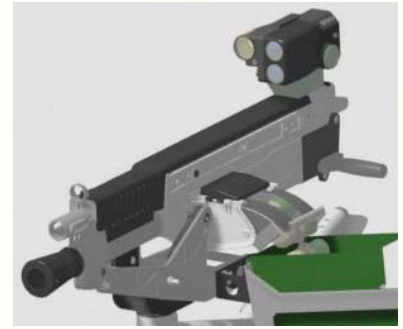
**Probability of Incapacitation Map**



Nose fuse - Steel Fragments - Unprotected - 250g



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- ▶ Sub contractors are:
  - Oerlikon Contraves, Switzerland



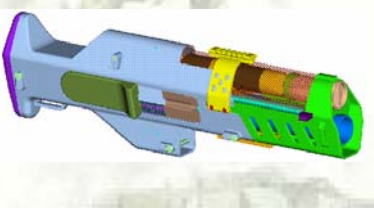
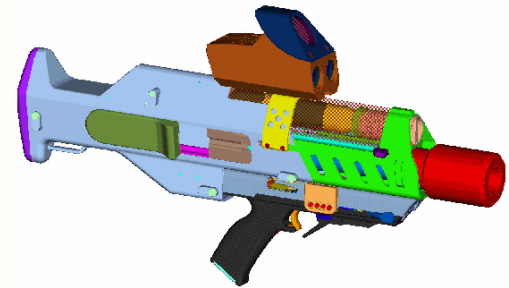
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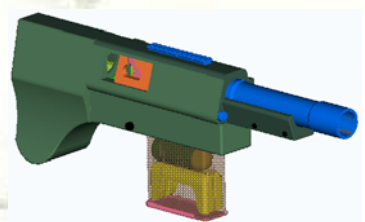
- ▶ Semi automatic
- ▶ Three shot tube magazine
- ▶ Weight: 6.2 kg (4+20)
- ▶ Length: 704 mm

## ▶ FCS

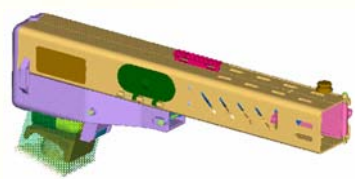
## ▶ Ammunition



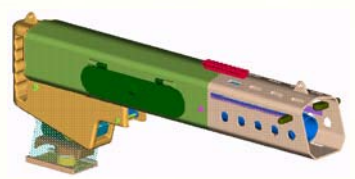
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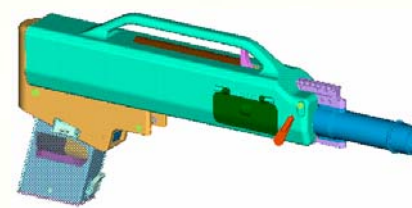
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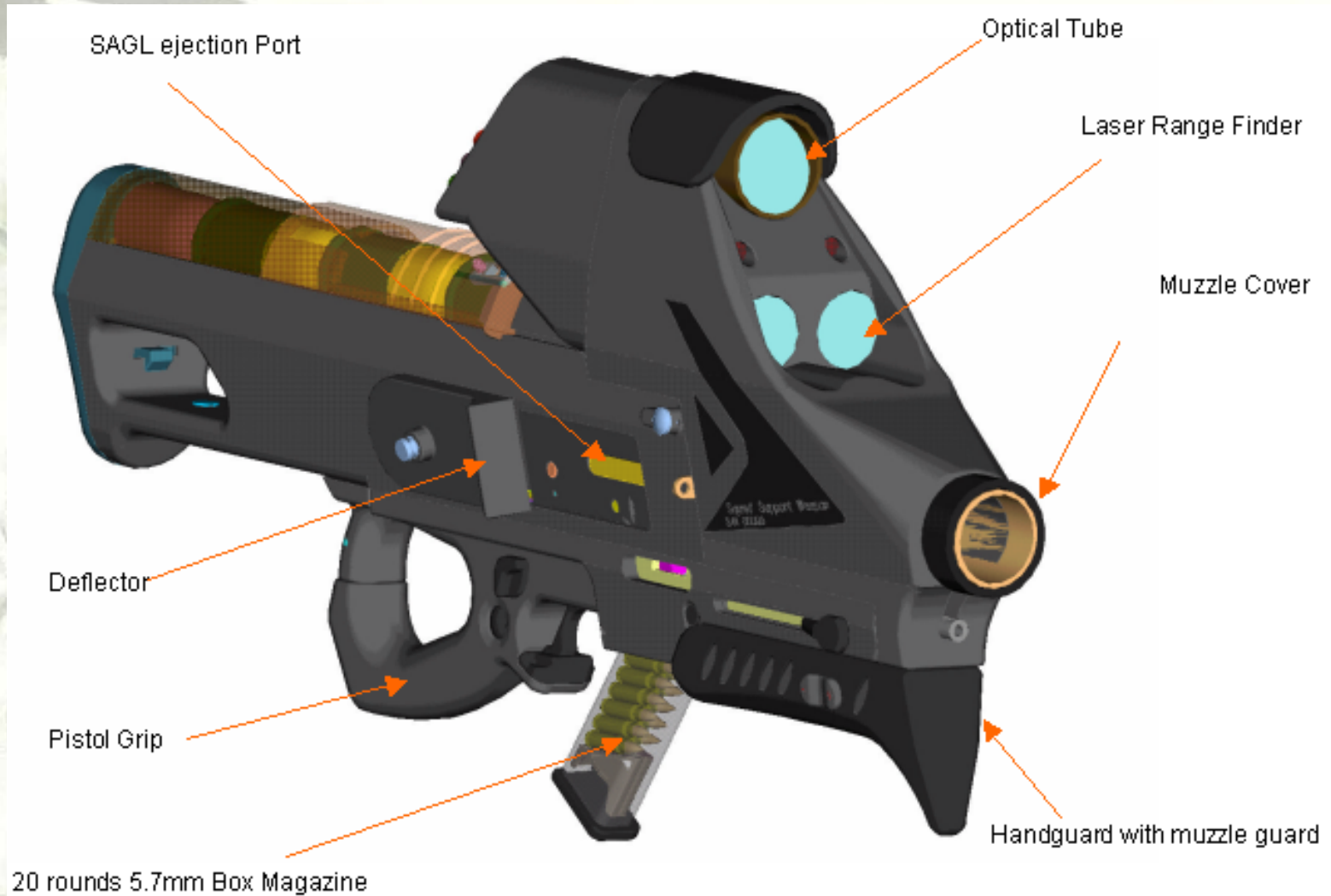


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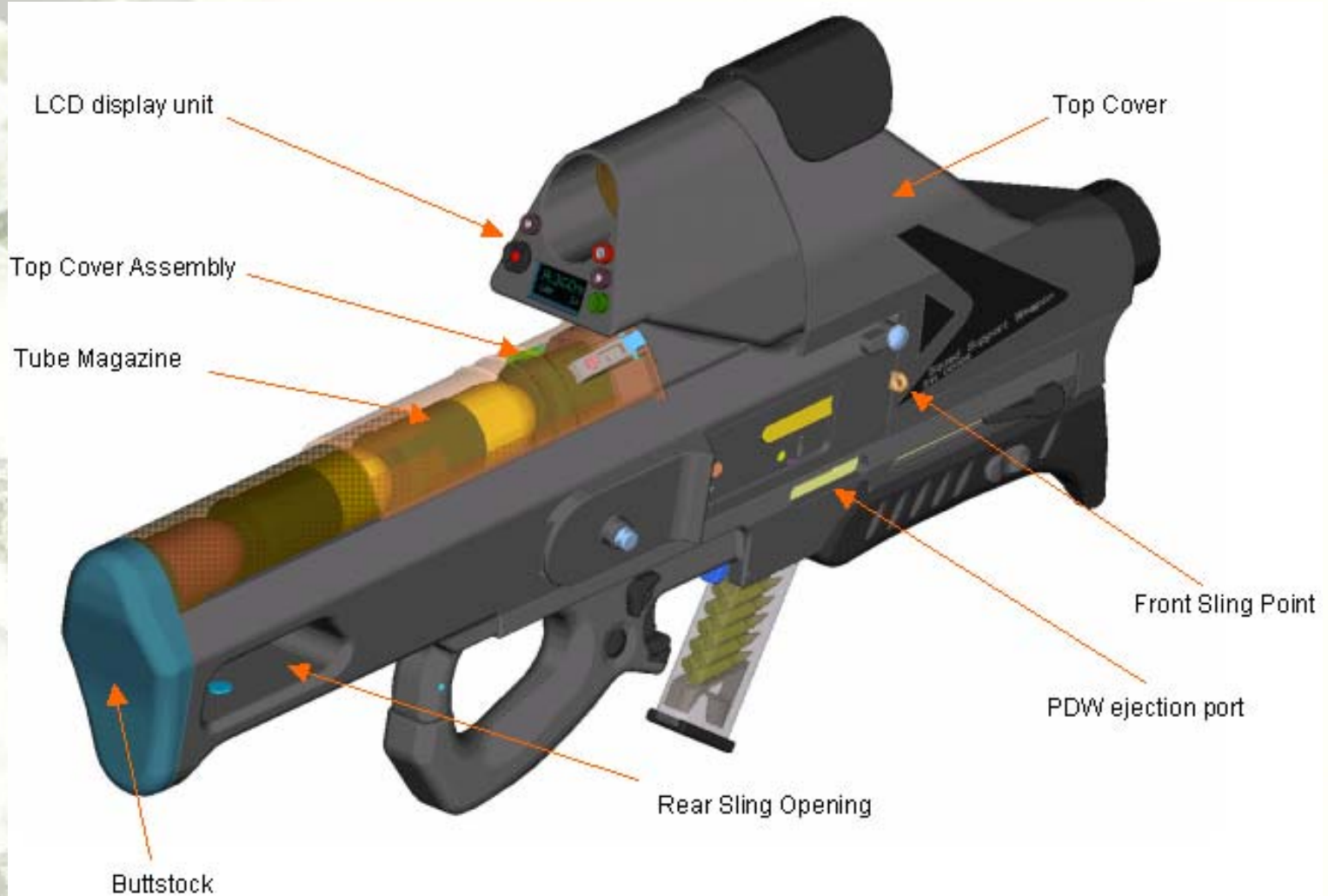


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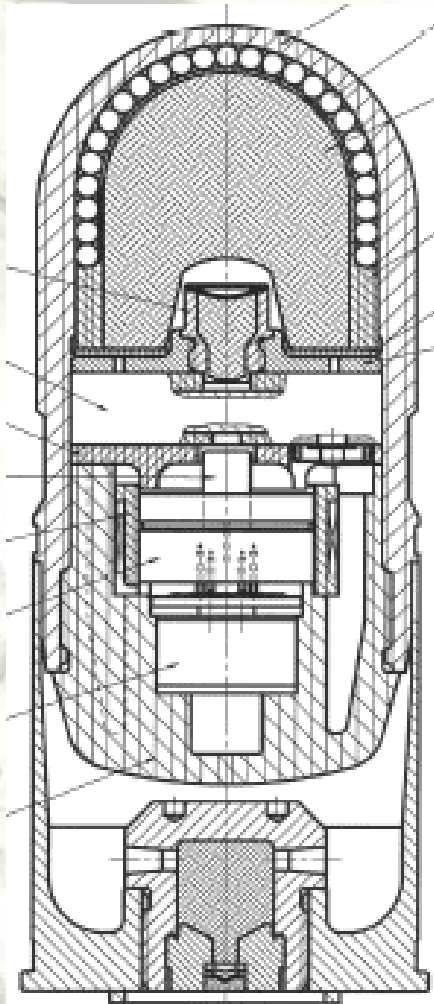
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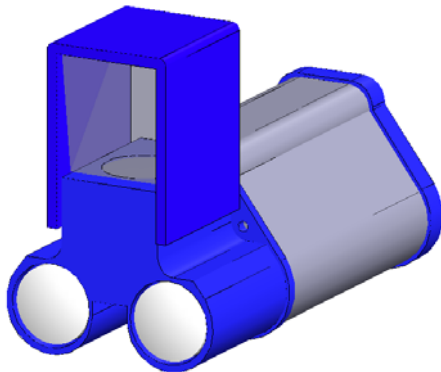
STK recommends:

- ▶ MV=100 m/s.
- ▶ Mass=185 g.
- ▶ Tungsten balls (400).
- ▶ Rear mounted fuze.

# SSW project schedule

- ▶ Development 2006-2008
- ▶ Deliveries 2009-2010

Because we use standard 40mm components,  
the MV ammo and FCS will be COTS!



# Is it possible?

- ▶ Is it possible to develop a weapon according to the technical specifications? **Yes!**
- ▶ Are there requirements that are especially cost driving? **No!**
- ▶ Is it possible to shorten the time of flight, flatten the trajectory and optimize the warhead lethality? **Yes!**
- ▶ Submit a technical solution. **Done, including mock-ups!**
- ▶ Submit a project plan for the development and delivery of test equipment and series production of systems. **Done!**



# The next step



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- ▶ Update SWE requirements after the study.
- ▶ Get other nations "on board".



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# Questions?

More information will be available at [www.fmv.se](http://www.fmv.se)



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