PK (& close variants)

■ TYPE: GENERAL-PURPOSE MACHINE GUN ■ ALSO REFERRED TO AS: PK, PKM



Technical Information

Calibre 7.62 x 54R

Length 1160mm

Weight (unloaded) 7.55 kg

Barrel length 643 mm

Feed device Non-disintegrating metal belt:

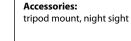
100, 200, and 250 rds

Sighting systems: Fore: Post, cylindrical Rear: Vertical leaf

Operating system: Gas, automatic fire

Rate of fire: 250 rds/min

Muzzle velocity: 825 m/s



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The PK general-purpose machine gun was developed in the late 1950s. The weapon is belt-fed (rather than magazine-fed) and it is chambered for the 7.62 x 54R rimmed cartridge. The PK's most distinctive visual feature is the pierced stock, which features a large oval hole.

PROBABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Region	State forces	Non-state/illicit
Western Europe	0	0
Eastern Europe	•	0
Middle East & North Africa	•	•
Sub-Saharan Africa	•	•
Central Asia		•
South Asia		0
East Asia		•
Pacific	0	0
North America	0	0
Central America	•	Þ
South America	0	0

• Expect regular use • Expect occasional use • O Do not expect use

Variants and their distinguishing features



STOCK DESIGN

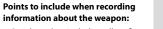
Pierced stock



All models except PKT, PKD, and M84

TRIPOD MOUNT AND NIGHT SIGHTS

PKM in PKMSN format



 Serial number, including all prefix and suffix characters
Characters adjacent to fire

Weapons ID Sheet does not ascribe

the designation PKMS to a specific model of PK machine gun. PKMSN

models, similarly, feature a basic PKM weapon with tripod and night sights. PKT and PKD variants have a longer, heavier barrel and feature neither a bipod nor a pistol grip/ trigger assembly. Most PK variants differ very little from one another

and factory proof marks are the

of manufacture (see Weapons ID

Sheet for 'Kalashnikov-pattern

rifles: identifying marks'.)

best means of establishing country

- selector 3. Any other engraved/stamped
- information on weapon

MARKING INFORMATION

Manufacturer proof marks are on the top cover of the weapon (model illustrated: MG-M1, Bulgaria)



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