

APPENDIX A
MUNITIONS DATASHEETS

MUNITIONS LIST:

ID	NAME	DATA SHEET
CTT01	50 CAL. MACHINE GUN	NO
CTT01	SMALL ARMS, GENERAL	YES
CTT16	20MM CARTRIDGE CASE	YES
CTT17	20MM, BALL, M55A1	YES
CTT17	20MM, BALL, MK1	YES

CTT01

SMALL ARMS

**NO DATASHEET AVAILABLE
50 CAL. MACHINE GUN**

SMALL-ARMS AMMUNITION

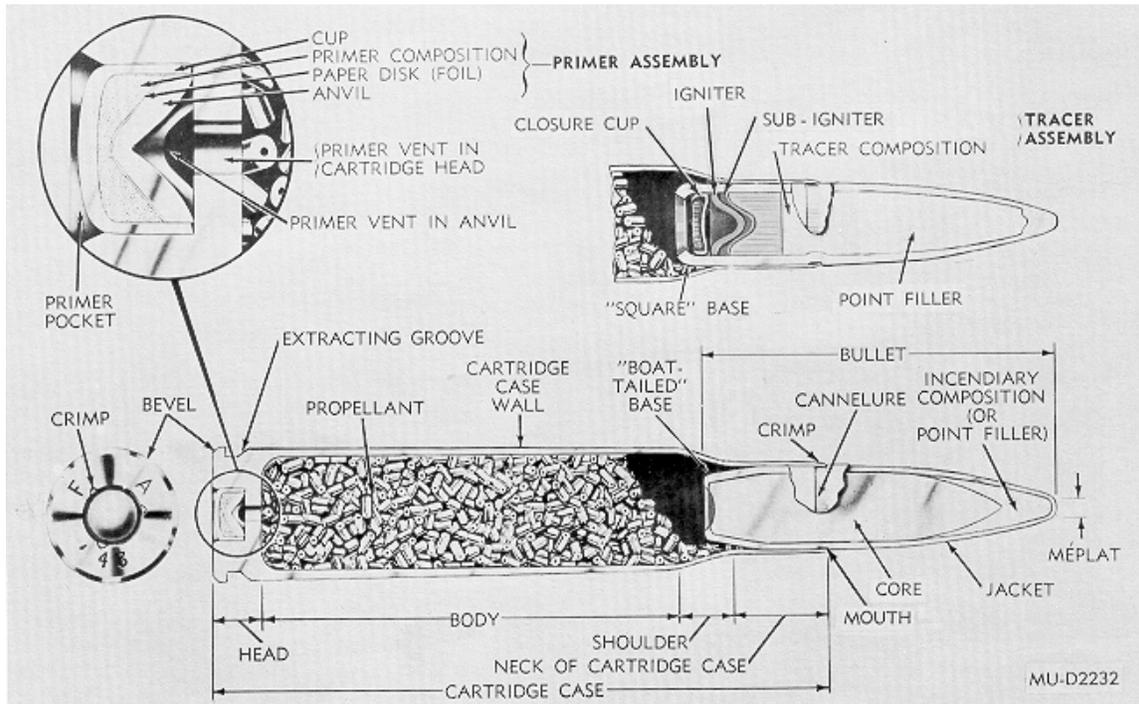
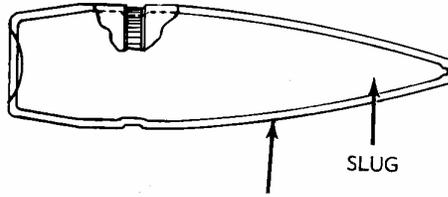


Figure 1. Typical cartridge (sectional)

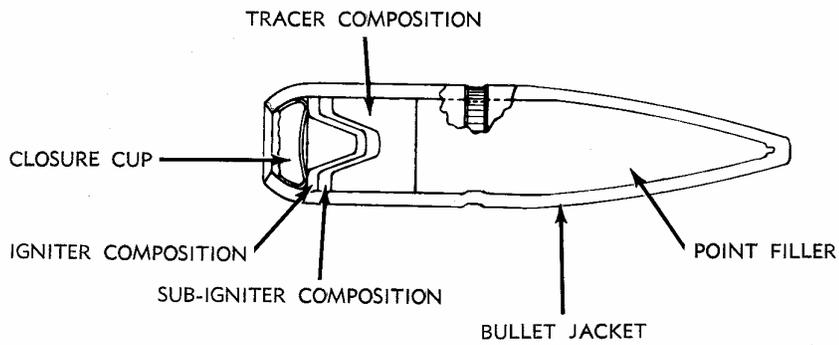
General. Small-arms ammunition, as used herein, describes a cartridge or families of cartridges intended for use in various types of hand-held or mounted weapons through 30 millimeter. Within a caliber designation, these weapons may include one or more of the following: rifles (except recoilless), carbines, pistols, revolvers, machineguns and shotguns. For purposes of this publication, small-arms ammunition may be grouped as cartridges intended primarily for combat or training purposes (API, HEI, tracer or ball); for training purposes only (blank or dummy); or for special purposes (rifle grenade or spotter-tracer). Refer to TM 9-1306-200 for more detailed information on small-arms ammunition.

Cartridges. In general, a small-arms cartridge is identified as an assembly of a cartridge case, primer, a quantity of propellant within the cartridge case, and a bullet or projectile. Blank and rifle grenade cartridges are sealed with paper closure disks in lieu of bullets. Dummy cartridges are composed of a cartridge case and a bullet. Some dummy cartridges contain inert granular materials to simulate the weight and balance of live cartridges. A typical cartridge and the terminology of its components are shown in figure 1.

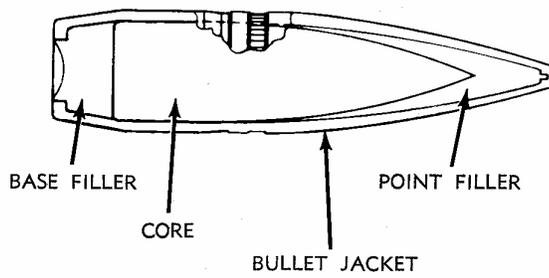
Case. Although steel, aluminum, zinc and plastic materials have been used experimentally, brass, a composition of 70 percent copper and 30 percent zinc, is the most commonly used material for cartridge cases. Steel, as well as brass, is an approved material for caliber .45 cartridge cases. Brass, paper and plastic are used for 12 gage shotshell bodies. Aluminum is used for military-type .410 gage shotshell bodies. Configurations of cartridges and bullets are illustrated in figures 2 through 9.



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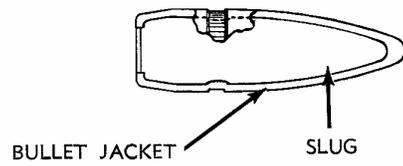
TRACER (NATO)



ARMOR-PIERCING (NATO)

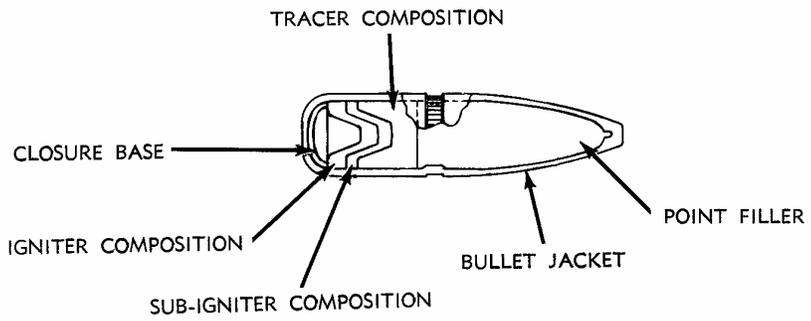
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Figure 2. 7.62 mm bullets (sectional)



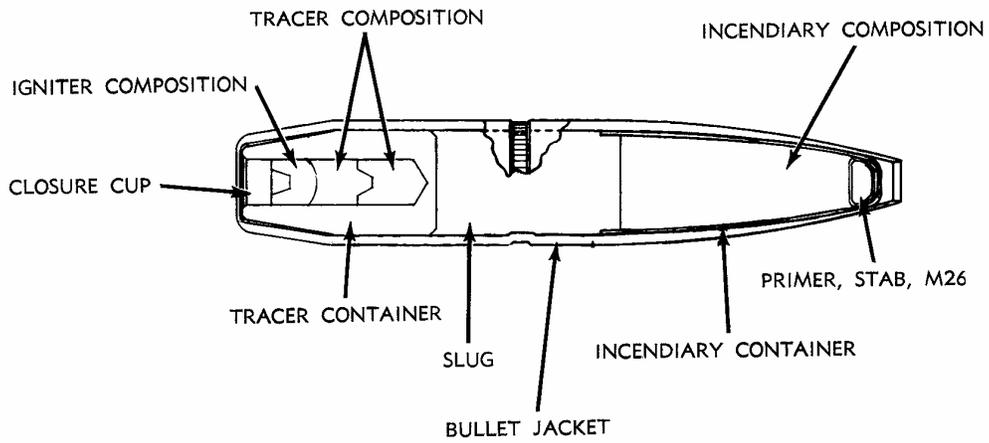
BULLET JACKET SLUG

5.56 MM BALL



TRACER COMPOSITION
 CLOSURE BASE
 IGNITER COMPOSITION
 SUB-IGNITER COMPOSITION
 BULLET JACKET
 POINT FILLER

5.56 MM TRACER



TRACER COMPOSITION
 IGNITER COMPOSITION
 CLOSURE CUP
 TRACER CONTAINER
 SLUG
 BULLET JACKET
 INCENDIARY COMPOSITION
 INCENDIARY CONTAINER
 PRIMER, STAB, M26

CALIBER .50, SPOTTER TRACER

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Figure 3. 5.56mm and caliber .50 spotter tracer bullets (sectioned)

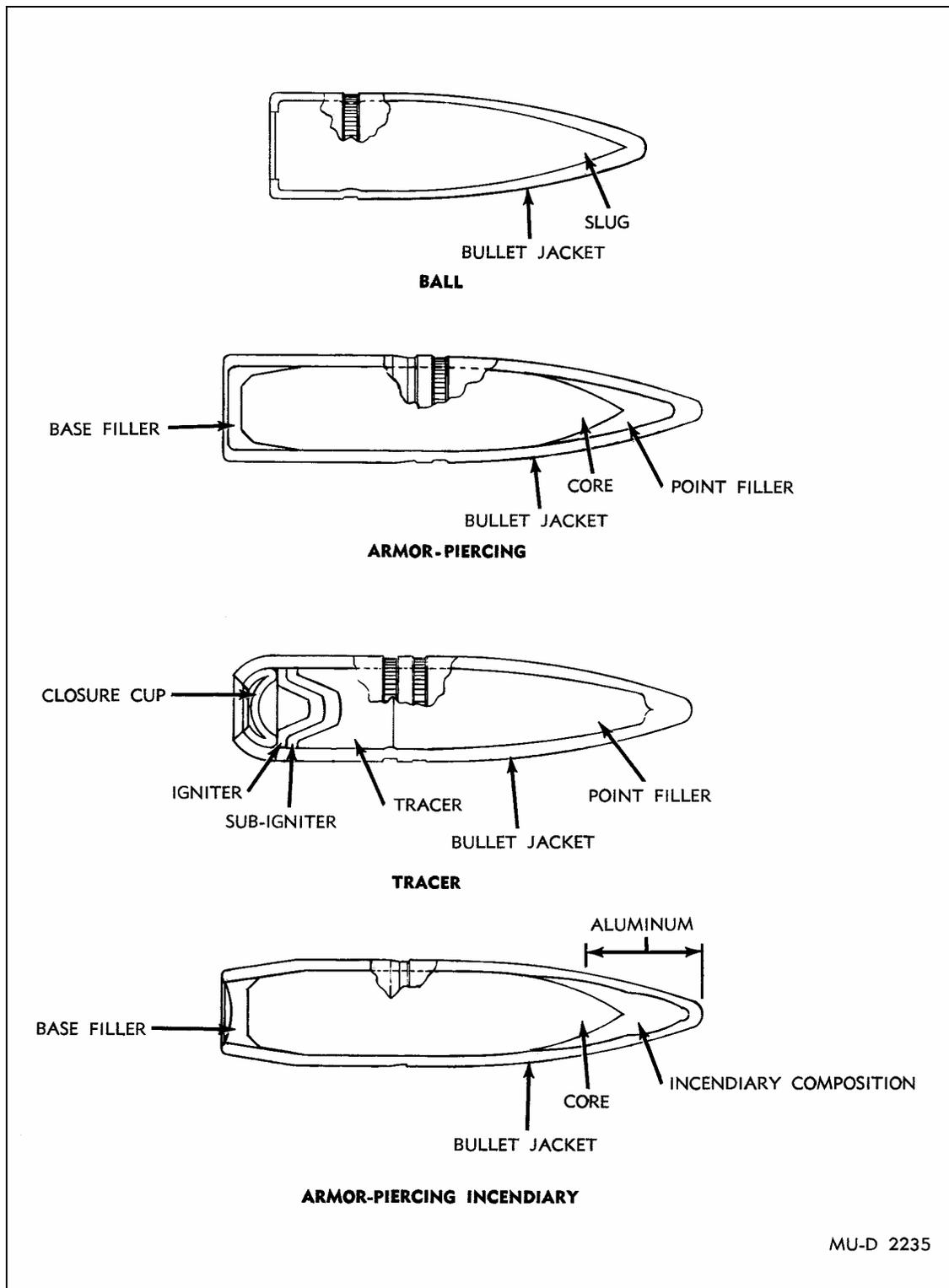


Figure 4. Caliber .30 bullets (sectional)



Figure 5. 7.62mm cartridges

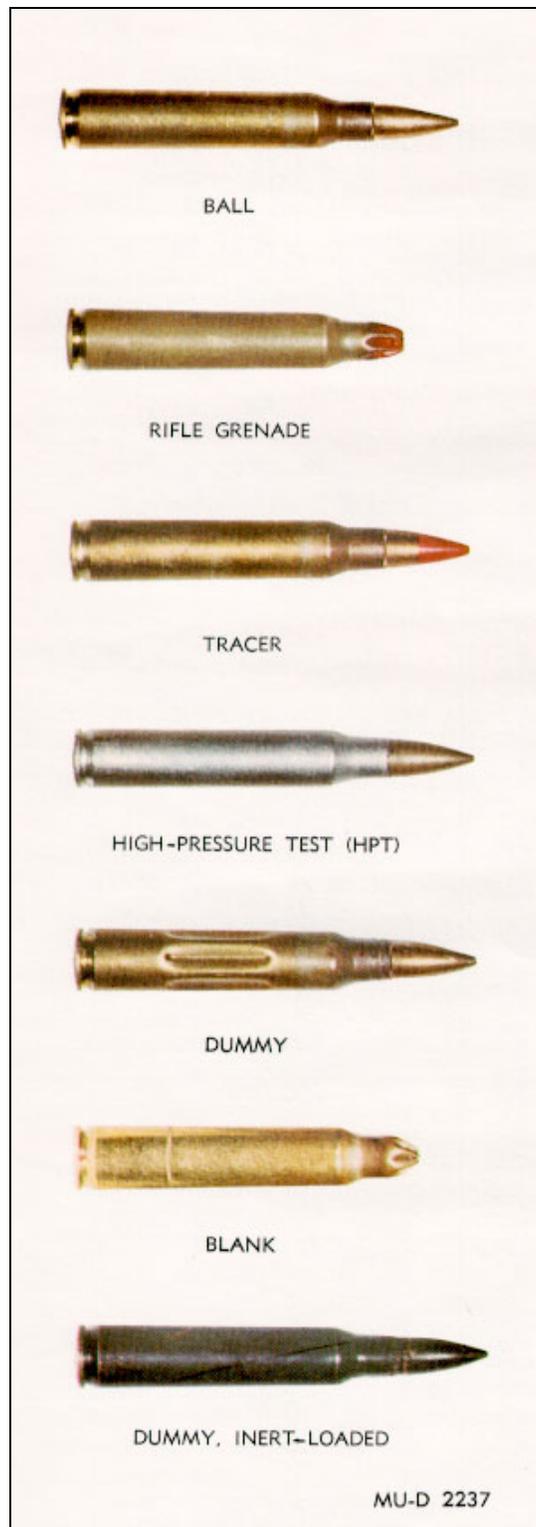


Figure 6. 5.56mm cartridges

Propellant. Cartridges are loaded with varying weights of propellant. This is to impart sufficient velocity (within safe pressures) to the projectile to obtain the required ballistic performance. These propellants are either of the single-base (nitrocellulose) or double-base (nitrocellulose and nitroglycerine) type. The propellant grain configuration may be cylindrical with a single, lengthwise perforation, spheroid (ball) or flake. Most propellants are coated with a deterrent (to assist in controlling the rate of combustion) and with a final coating of graphite (to facilitate flow of propellant and eliminate static electricity in loading cartridges).

Primer. Small-arms cartridges contain either a percussion or electric primer. The percussion primer consists of a brass or gilding metal cup that contains a pellet of sensitive explosive material secured by a paper disk and a brass anvil. The electric primer consists of an electrode button in contact with the priming composition, a primer cup assembly and insulator. A blow from the firing pin of the weapon on the center of the percussion primer cup base compresses the primer composition between the cup and the anvil. This causes the composition to explode. The function of the electric primer is accomplished by a firing pin with electrical potential, which contacts the electrode button. This allows current to flow through the energy-sensitive priming composition to the grounded primer cup and cartridge case, exploding the priming composition. Holes or vents in the anvil or closure cup allow the flame to pass through the primer vent in the cartridge case and ignite the propellant. Rimfire ammunition, such as the caliber .22 cartridge, does not contain a primer assembly. Instead, the primer composition is spun into the rim of the cartridge case and the propellant is in intimate contact with the composition. On firing, the firing pin strikes the rim of the cartridge case, compressing the primer composition and initiating its explosion.

Bullet. With few exceptions, bullets through caliber .50 are assemblies of a jacket and a lead or steel core. They may contain other components or chemicals which provide the terminal ballistic characteristics of the bullet type. The bullet jacket may be either gliding metal, gliding-metal clad steel, or copper plated steel. Caliber .30 and 7.62mm frangible bullets are molded of powdered lead and a friable plastic which pulverizes into dust upon impact with the target. The pellets used in the shotgun shells are spheres of lead alloys varying from 0.08 inch to 0.33 inch in diameter.

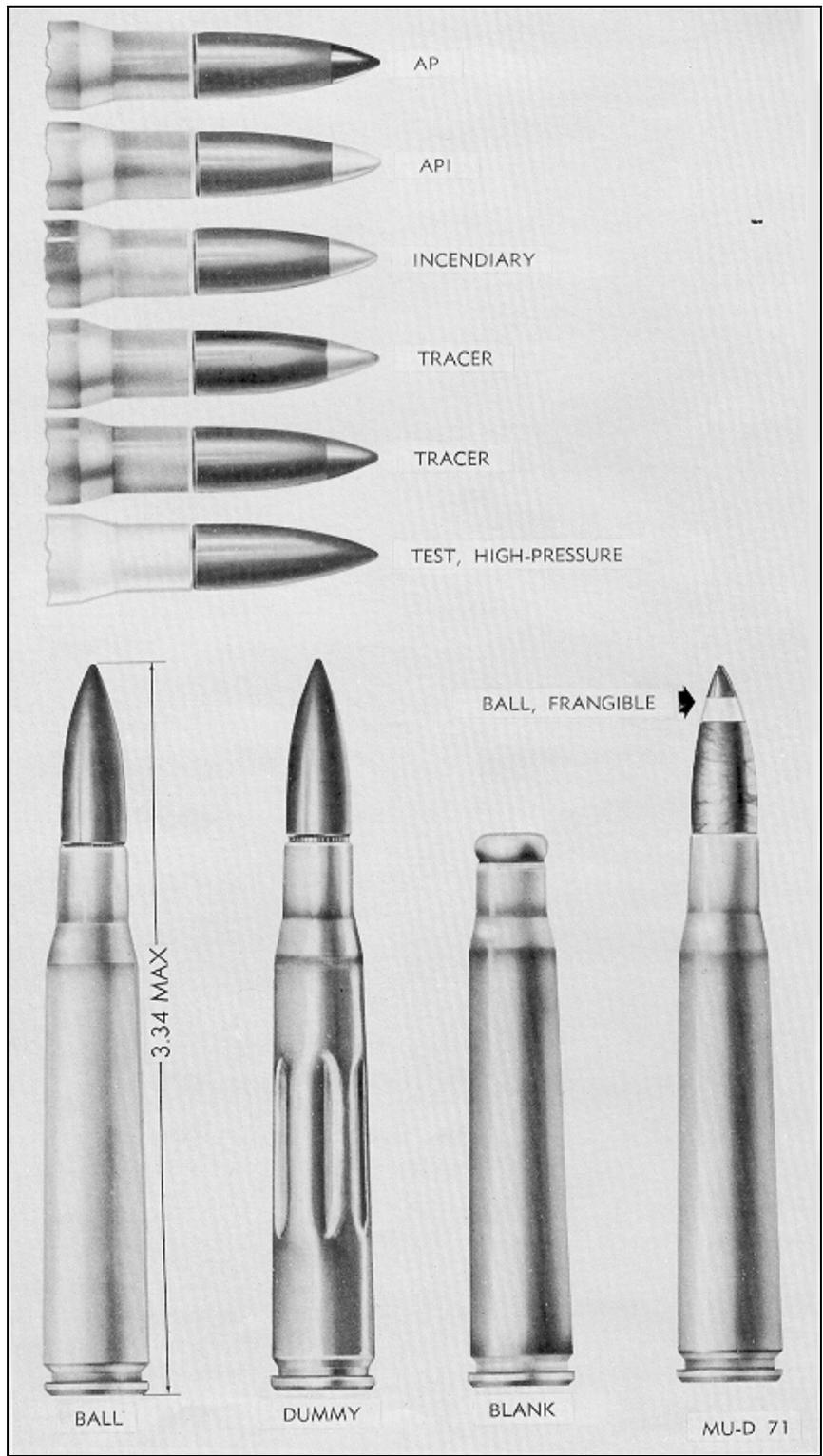


Figure 7. Caliber .30 cartridges

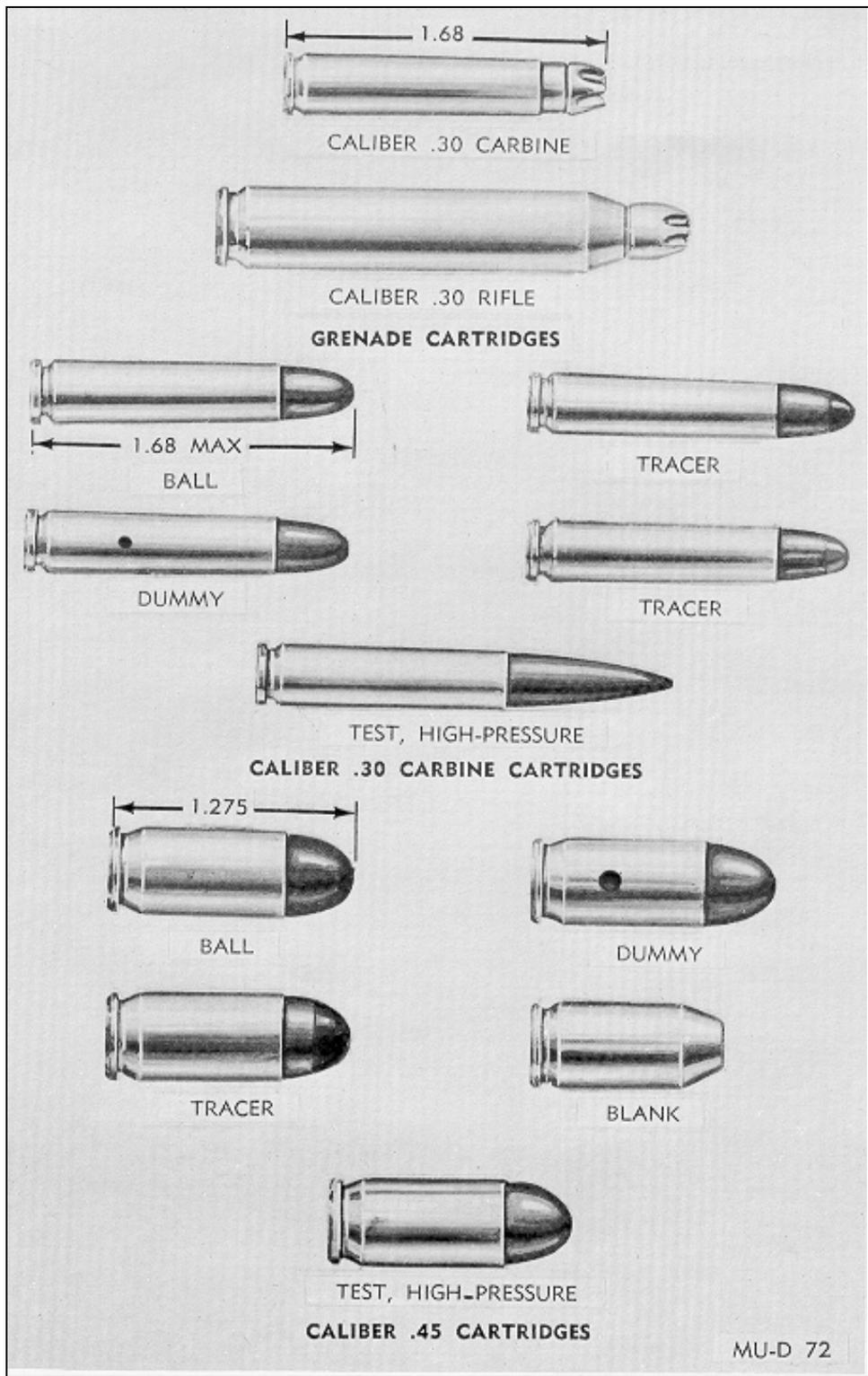


Figure 8. Caliber .30 carbine and caliber .45 cartridges



Figure 9. Caliber .50 cartridges

Ball Cartridge. The ball cartridge is intended for use in rifles, carbines, pistols, revolvers and/or machineguns against personnel and unarmored targets. The bullet, as designed for general purpose combat and training requirements, normally consists of a metal jacket and a lead slug. Caliber .50 ball bullet and 7.62-mm, Ball M59 bullet contain soft steel cores.

Tracer Cartridge. By means of a trail of flame and smoke, the tracer cartridge is intended to permit visible observation of the bullet's in-flight path or trajectory and the point of impact. It is used primarily to observe the line of fire. It may also be used to pinpoint enemy targets to ignite flammable materials and for signaling purposes. The tracer element consists of a compressed, flammable, pyrotechnic composition in the base of the bullet. This composition is ignited by the propellant when the cartridge is fired. In flight, the bullet emits a bright flame which is visible to the gunner. Trace burnout occurs at a range between 400 and 1,600 yards, depending upon the caliber of ammunition.

Match Cartridge. The match cartridge is used in National and International Match Shooting competitions. The bullet consists of a gliding-metal jacket over a lead slug. The cartridges are identified on the head face with the designation NM (National Match) or Match.

Armor-Piercing Cartridges. The armor-piercing cartridge is intended for use in machineguns or rifles against personnel and light armored and unarmored targets, concrete shelters, and similar bullet-resisting targets. The bullet consists of a metal jacket and a hardened steel-alloy core. In addition, it may have a base filler and/or a point filler of lead.

Armor-Piercing-Incendiary Cartridge. The armor-piercing-incendiary cartridge is used in rifles or machineguns as a single combination cartridge in lieu of separate armor-piercing and incendiary cartridges. The bullet is similar to the armor-piercing bullet, except that the point filler is incendiary mixture instead of lead. Upon impact with the target, the incendiary mixture burst into flame and ignites flammable material.

Armor-Piercing-Incendiary Tracer Cartridge. The bullet of the armor-piercing- incendiary-tracer cartridge combines the features of the armor-piercing, incendiary, and tracer bullets and may be used to replace those cartridges. The bullet consists of a hard steel core with compressed pyrotechnic mixture in the cavity in the base of the core. The core is covered by a gilding-metal jacket with incendiary mixture between the core point and jacket. This cartridge is for use in caliber .50 weapons only.

Duplex Cartridge. The duplex cartridge contains two special ball type bullets in tandem. The front bullet is positioned partially in the case neck, similarly to a standard ball bullet. The rear bullet, positioned completely within the case, is held in position by a compressed propellant charge. The base of the rear bullet is angled so that in flight, it follows a path slightly dispersed from that of the front bullet.

Spotter-Tracer Cartridge. The spotter-tracer cartridge is intended for use in coaxially mounted caliber .50 spotting rifles. The bullet trajectory closely approximates that of

106mm projectiles. Thus, this cartridge serves as a fire control device to verify weapon sight settings before firing 106mm weapons. The bullet contains an impact detonator and incendiary composition which identify the point of impact by flash and smoke.

Blank Cartridge. The blank cartridge is distinguished by absence of a bullet. It is used for simulated fire, in training maneuvers, and for saluting purposes. It is fired in rifles and machineguns equipped with blank firing attachments.

Grenade Cartridge. The grenade cartridge is used to propel rifle grenades and ground signals from launchers attached to rifles or carbines. All rifle grenade cartridges are distinguished by the rose petal (rosette crimp) closure of the case mouth.

Frangible Cartridge. The caliber .30 frangible cartridge, designed for aerial target training purposes, is also used in rifles and machineguns for target shooting. Caliber .30 and 7.62mm frangible cartridges are used in tank machineguns, firing single shot, for training in tank gunnery. At its normal velocity, the bullet, which is composed of powdered lead and friable plastic, will completely disintegrate upon striking a 3/16-inch aluminum alloy plate at 100 yards from the muzzle of the gun. These cartridges are not to be used on any but well ventilated indoor ranges to preclude buildup of toxic bullet dust. Inhalation of bullet dust may be injurious to health.

Incendiary Cartridge. The incendiary cartridge was designed for aircraft and ground weapon use to ignite combustible targets (e.g., vehicular and aircraft fuel tanks). The bullet contains a compressed incendiary mixture which ignites upon impact with the target. The incendiary cartridge has been superseded by the API and APIT cartridges because of their improved terminal ballistic effects.

Special Purpose Cartridge

Cartridges of various calibers. (figures. 10 through 12), which consist of different types of projectiles and bullets, are used for training and special purposes. They include the following:

- (1) Caliber .22 long rifle and caliber .38 and .45 wad-cutter cartridge for target shooting.
- (2) Caliber .45 blank cartridges fired in exercises to condition dogs to gun fire.
- (3) Caliber .22 hornet and .410 shotgun cartridges for firing in Air Force combination (survival) weapons for hunting purposes.
- (4) Caliber .45 line-throwing cartridges for firing in caliber .45 line-throwing rifles. The Navy uses these for throwing lines from ship-to-ship. The Army Signal Corps uses these for projecting signal wires over elevated terrain.

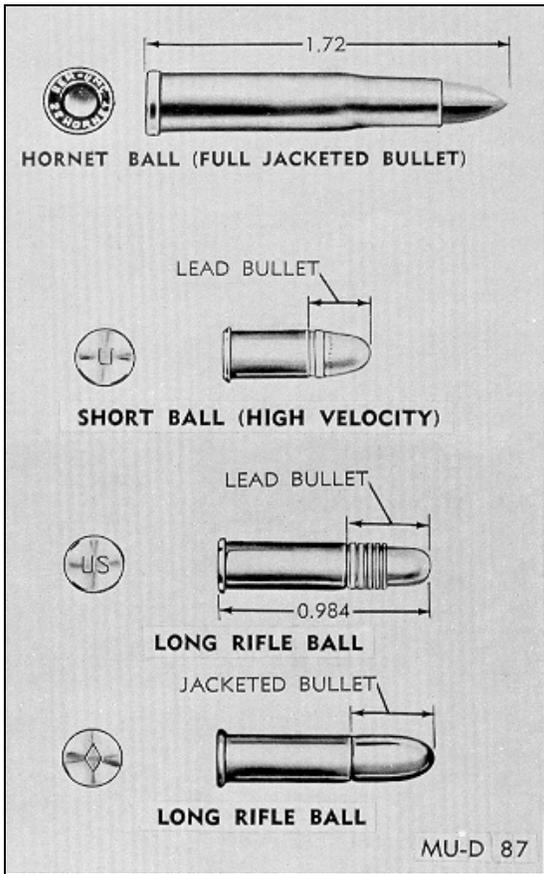


Figure 10. Caliber .22 cartridges

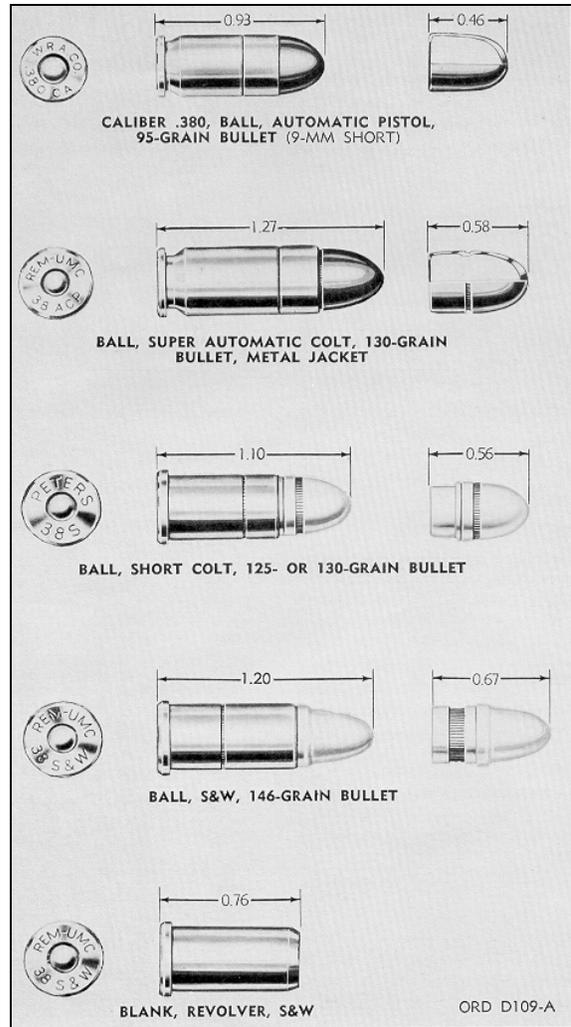


Figure 11. Caliber .38 cartridges

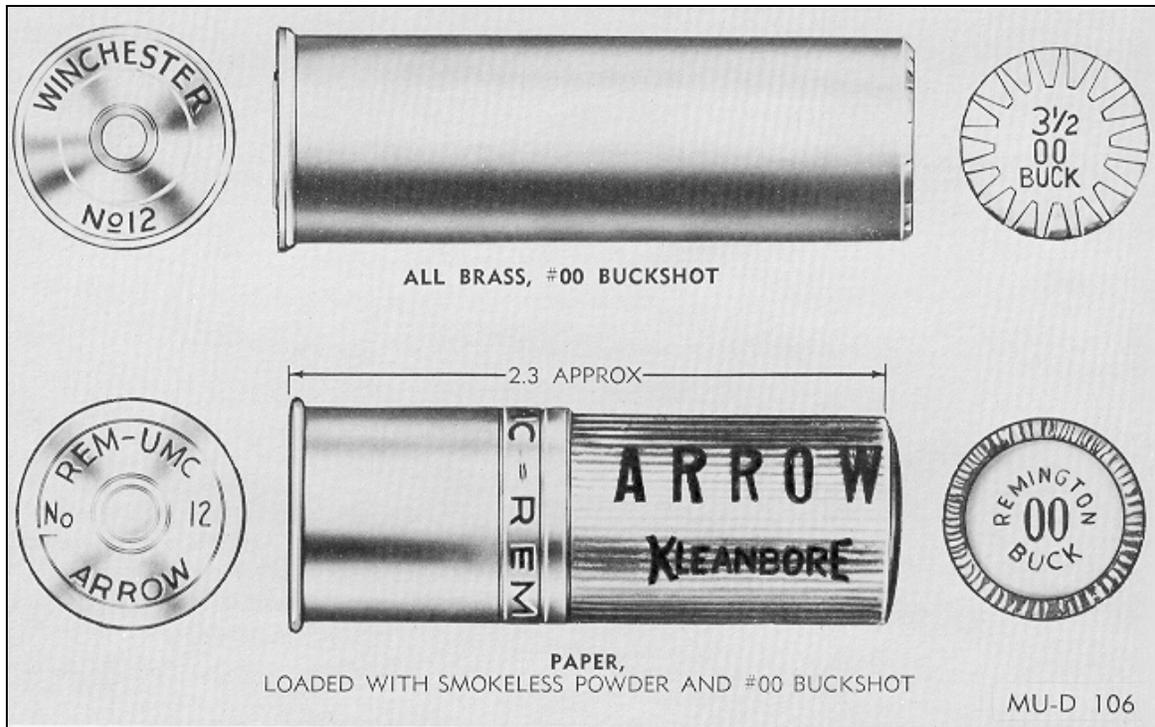


Figure 12. 12 gage shotgun shells

(5) Shotshells containing the designated shot sizes as required for the following:

- 12 gage #00 Buck for guard duty
- 12 gage #4 Buck for guerrilla purposes.
- 12 gage #6, 7½ and 8 shot for clay target shooting for training purposes.
- .410 gage #7 shot for caliber .22/.410 survival weapons maintained by aircraft

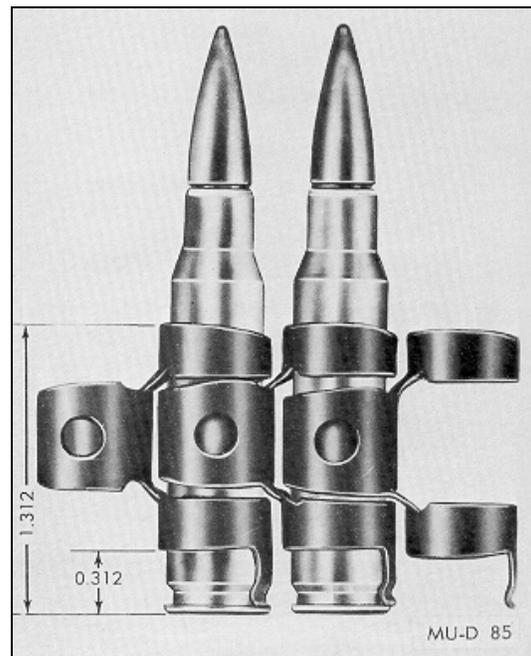


Figure 13. Linked 7.62-mm cartridges

Special purpose cartridges also include the following types of military cartridges:

(1) Dummy. The dummy cartridge is used for practice in loading weapons and simulated firing to detect flinching of personnel when firing weapons. It consists of a cartridge case and a ball bullet. Cartridge identification is by means of holes through the side of the case or longitudinal corrugations in the case and by the empty primer pocket.

(2) Dummy inert-loaded. This cartridge consists of a cartridge case, a ball bullet and inert granular material in the case simulating the weight and balance of a live cartridge. The exterior of the cartridge is identified by a black chemical finish and by the absence of a primer. This cartridge is used by installations for testing weapon function, linkage and feed chutes.

(3) High-pressure test. High-pressure test ammunition is specially loaded to produce pressures substantially in excess of the maximum average or individual pressures of the corresponding service cartridge. This cartridge is not for field issue. It is used only by armorers and weapons mechanics for proof firing of weapons (rifles, pistols, machine guns) at place of manufacture, test and repair. Because of excessive pressures developed by this type of ammunition, and the potential danger involved in firing, proofing of weapons is conducted only by authorized personnel from fixed and shielded rests by means of a lanyard or other remote control methods.

Metallic Links and Clip

Metallic links. (figures. 13 and 14) are used with caliber .30, caliber .50, 5.56mm, 7.62mm and 20mm cartridges in machine guns. The links are made of steel, surface treated for rust prevention. They are used to assemble cartridges into linked belts of 100 to 750 cartridges per belt. The links must meet specific test and dimension requirements to assure satisfactory ammunition feed and functioning in the machine gun under all training and combat service conditions.

Different configurations of cartridge clips. These permit unitized packages of ammunition. This facilitates transfer of cartridges to appropriate magazines for caliber .30, 7.62mm and 5.56mm rifles. The caliber .30 eight-round clip feeds eight cartridges as a unit into the receiver of the rifle. The caliber .45 clip feeds three cartridges as a unit into the revolver cylinder. Five-round and eight-round clips are used with caliber .30 cartridges; five-round clips with 7.62mm cartridges; ten-round clips with caliber .30 carbine and 5.56-mm cartridges; and three-round clips with caliber .45 cartridges.

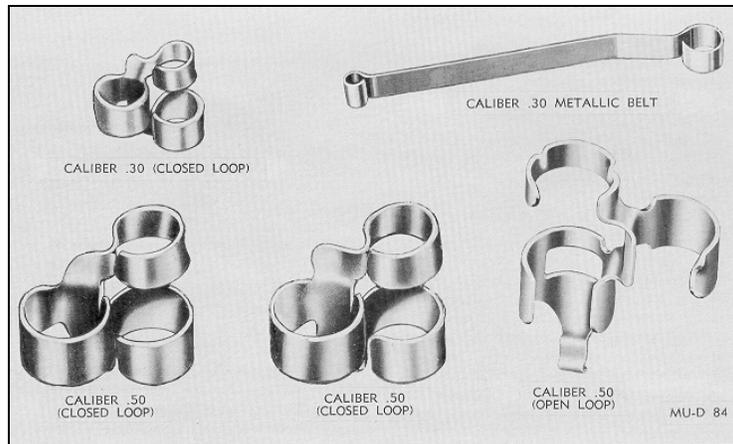


Figure 14. Links for caliber .30 and caliber .50 ammunition

Identification Markings. Each outer shipping container and all inner containers are fully marked to identify the ammunition. Wire-bound boxes are marked in black and ammunition boxes are painted olive drab, with markings in yellow. When linked ammunition is functionally packed, component lot numbers are replaced by a functional lot number. Typical packing and identification markings are illustrated in figures 15 through 17.

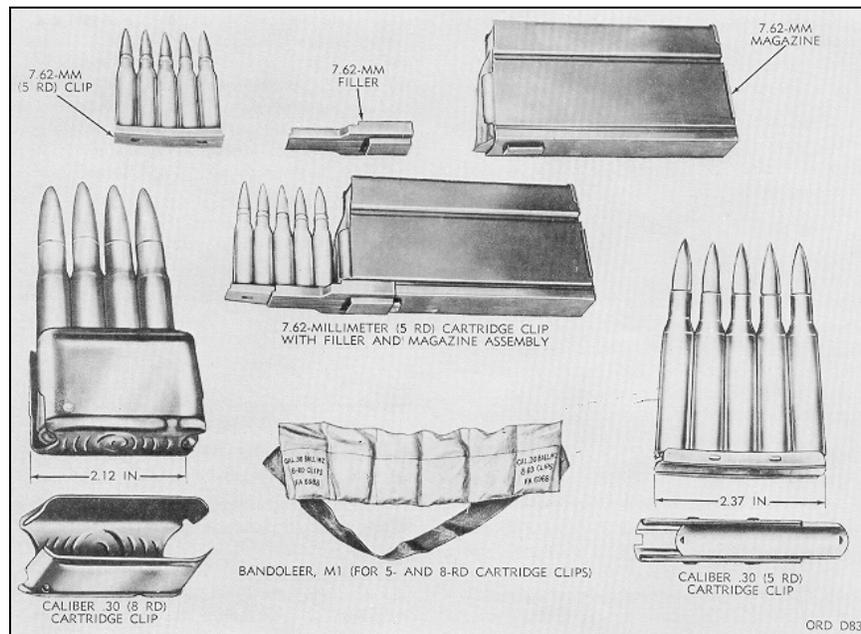


Figure 15. Cartridges, links, belt, cartons, bandoleers and ammunition box

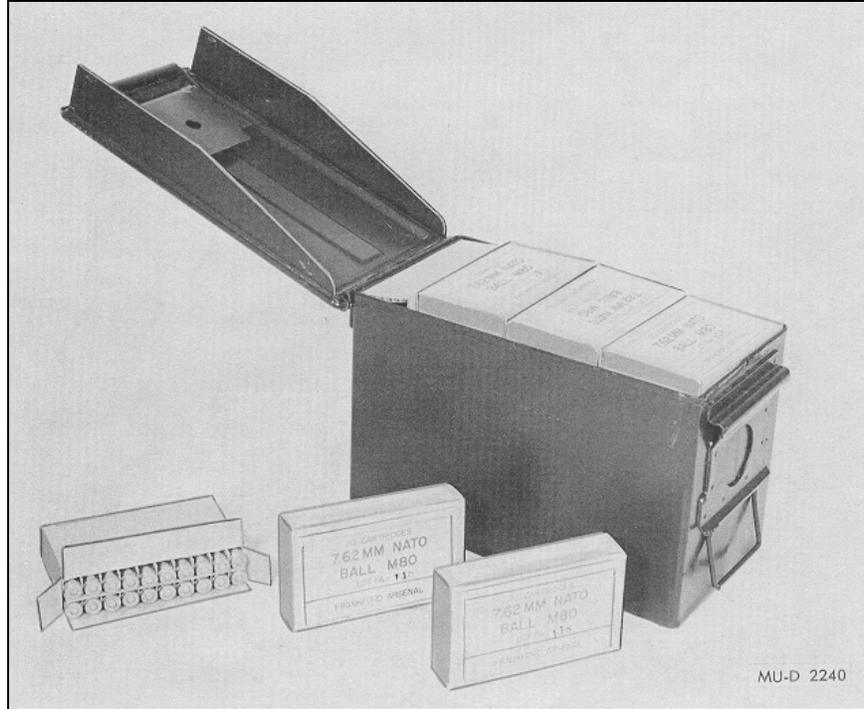


Figure 16. Cartridges, link belt, cartons, bandoleers and ammunition box

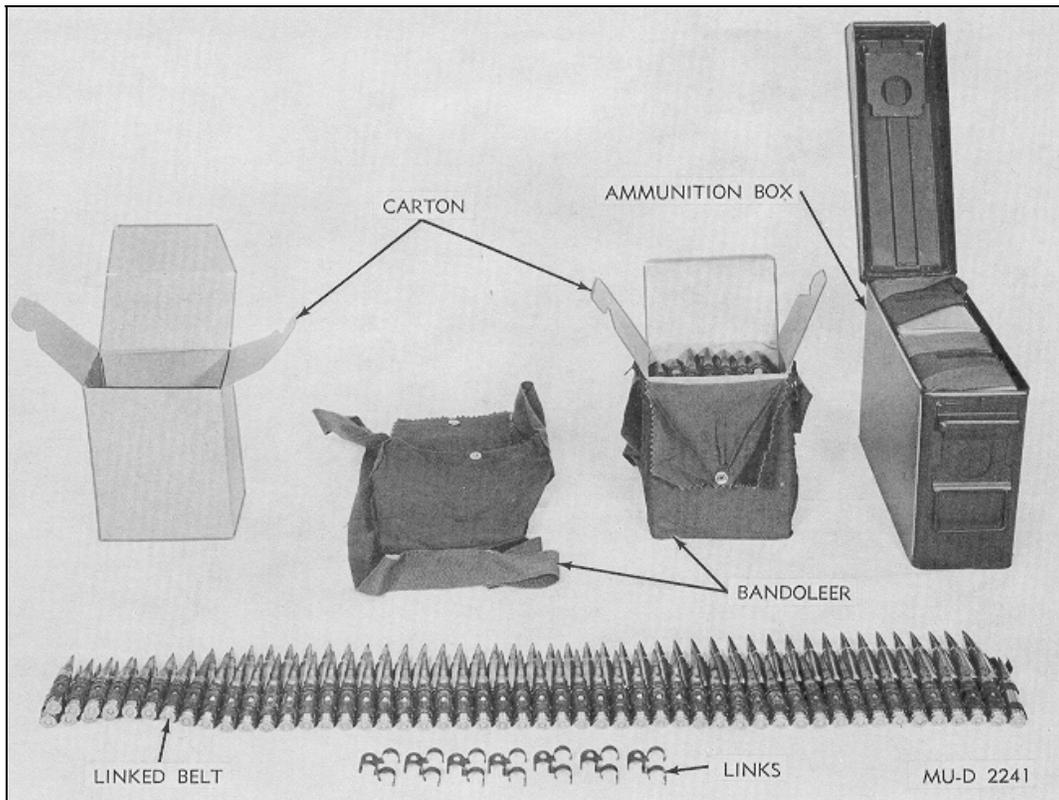


Figure 17. Cartridges, link belt, cartons, bandoleers and ammunition box

Care, Handling and Preservation

Small-arms ammunition is comparatively safe to handle. It is packed to withstand transportation, handling and storage conditions normally encountered in the field. However, consideration should be given to general handling precautions pertaining to ammunition and explosives.

Reference: This data is a reprint of Chapter 3, TM 9-1300-200, *Ammunition General*, October 1969

CTT16

MEDIUM CALIBER (20MM, 25MM, 30MM), HE

CARTRIDGE CASE, 20MM, Mk I

CARTRIDGE CASE DATA

NATIONALITY: U.S. NAVY	INFORMATION DATE: April, 1943
DESIGNATION: 20 mm. Mk I	GUN: Hispano Suiza Type



Mk. I

CARTRIDGE CASE DATA

NATIONALITY: U.S. NAVY		INFORMATION
DESIGNATION: 20 mm. Mk I		DATE: April, 1943
		GUN: Hispano Suiza Type
1.	OVERALL LENGTH	4.342"
2.	MAXIMUM OUTSIDE DIAMETER (Base)	.976"
3.	INSIDE DIAMETER AT NECK (Proj. end)	.766"
4.	THICKNESS CASE AT PROJECTILE END	.023"
5.	BEGINNING OF TAPER FROM BASE	.610"
6.	DIAMETER OF CAP CONTAINER	.388"
7.	DEPTH OF EXTRACTING GROOVE	.055"
8.	MATERIAL	Brass
9.	VOLUME OF CASE	2.4 cu.in.
10.	MARKINGS	Stamped with letters and figures 1/16" high and .01" deep the initials or symbols of mfg, year of mfg. and caliber and mark of case.
11.	WEIGHT EMPTY	.205 lbs
12.	PROPELLANT	Smokeless Powder
13.	PROPELLANT WEIGHT	30 grams
14.	EXPLOSIVE IN CAP	37 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Fulminate of Mercury 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Potassium Chloride 25% Antimony Sulfide
15.	EXPLOSIVE WEIGHT IN CAP	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ grams
16.	REMARKS:	The anvil is .3102 in. diameter. The primer cap chamber contains two fire holes which lead directly to the smokeless powder propellant.

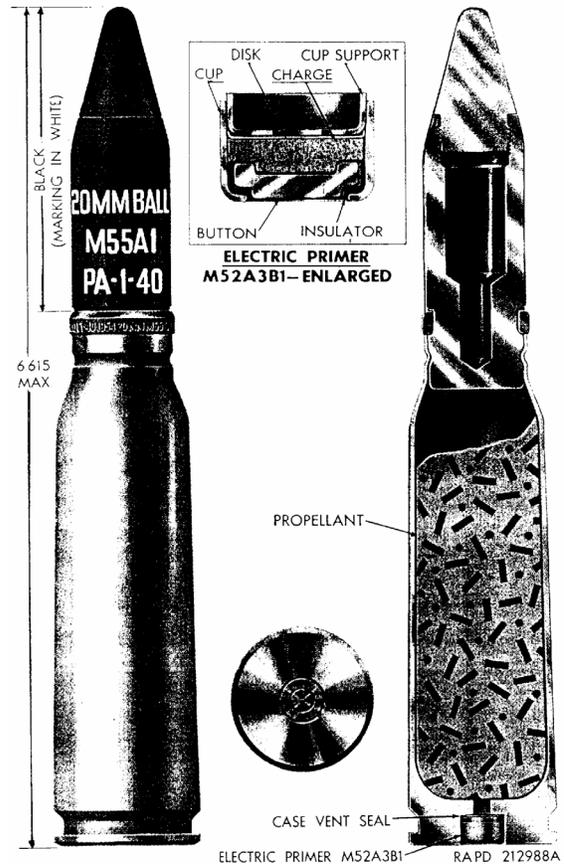
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MEDIUM CALIBER (20MM, 25MM, 30MM), PRACTICE

CARTRIDGE, 20mm, BALL, M55A1

Guns. The 20-mm guns M39 and M39A1 are automatic aircraft cannons for use against aircraft, ground, or sea-borne targets. These guns are gas-operated, belt-fed, electrically fired weapons having a high rate of fire. The cartridge is a training round intended as a substitute for a service round to be used in target practice.

General. This cartridge is for use in practice firing; prior to standardization of the basic model, this type of cartridge was referred to as a target practice cartridge. The nomenclature has been changed to "ball" in order to have the designation conform to the small arms system. The projectile of this cartridge consists of body, nose, and rotating band. The body is made of steel; it is hollow and contains no filler. The nose, which may be assembled to the body with screw threads and a thermosetting resin or keyed to the body by swaging, is made of aluminum alloy and is solid. The cartridge case M103 loaded with approximately 0.084 pound of double-base propellant and the electric primer M52A3B1 are used in the cartridge.

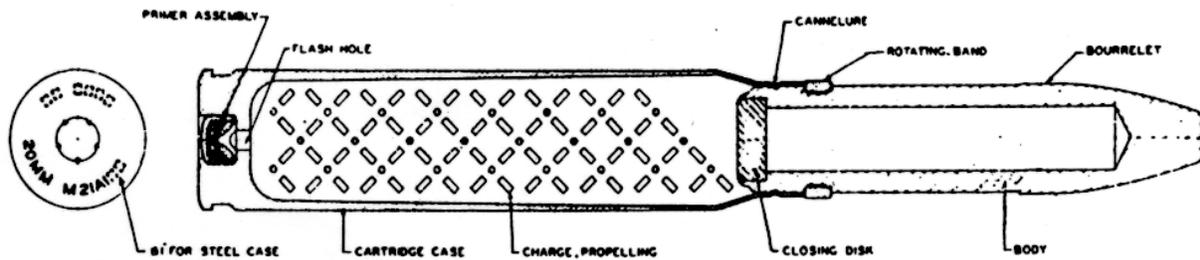


Tabulated Data:

Weight of complete round	0.56 pound
Length of projectile, as fired	0.22 inch
Length of complete round	6.165 inch (max)
Length of projectile	2.98 inch
Length of cartridge case	4.015 inch
Width of rotating band	0.203 inch
Color	Black with white markings

Reference: TM 9-1901-1, *Ammunition for Aircraft Guns*, December 1957

CARTRIDGE, 20mm, BALL, MK I



Use. This cartridge was fired in the M1, AN-M2 and British Hispano guns that were mounted in WW II aircraft. Originally designed as a training practice round to simulate the high explosive incendiary round, it proved successful in combat and was redesignated as a ball cartridge.

Description. The cartridge is a fixed type with an overall length of 7.23 inches (unfired). The projectile is machined from bar steel and has a hollow cavity through most of its length. There is a steel closing disc at the base and the nose has a template that makes it appear as though it was cut off about one quarter inch from the tip. The round uses the M21-series cartridge case, which may be of brass or steel. No tracer element is fitted.

Overall Length	7.23 inch
Projectile Length	3.31 inch
Diameter	0.784 inch
Weight of complete round	0.56 pound
Filler	None
Fuze	None

Reference: TM 9-1904, *Ammunition Inspection Guide*, 2 March 1944; NAVSEA OP 1664, *U.S. Explosive Ordnance*, 28 May 1947

