

IDENTIFYING MATERIEL MANUFACTURED IN THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DPRK)

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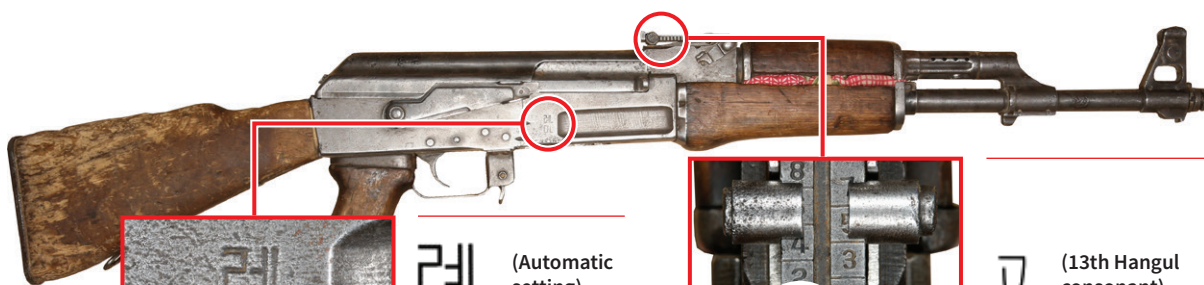
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1. RIFLES



TYPE 58 RIFLE, 7.62 × 39 MM (EXAMPLE 1)

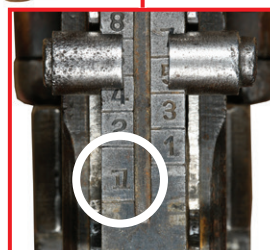


National mark of DPRK and serial number




Fire selector marks

 (Automatic setting)
 (Semi-auto setting)



Battle setting mark

 (13th Hangeul consonant)

DESCRIPTION


- 7.62 × 39 mm - milled receiver with wooden furniture.
- Copy of the Soviet AK-47 (Type 3 receiver).
- Also produced with under-folding rear stock.

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1. RIFLES (CONTINUED)

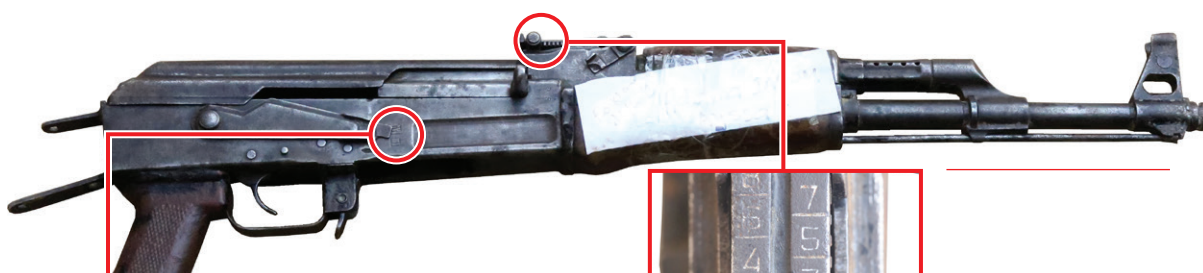
TYPE 58 RIFLE, 7.62 × 39 MM (EXAMPLE 2)




 58식
 (58 Type)



National mark of DPRK, model, and serial number




Fire selector marks

련 (Automatic setting)
 단 (Semi-auto setting)



Battle setting mark

 (13th Hangul consonant)

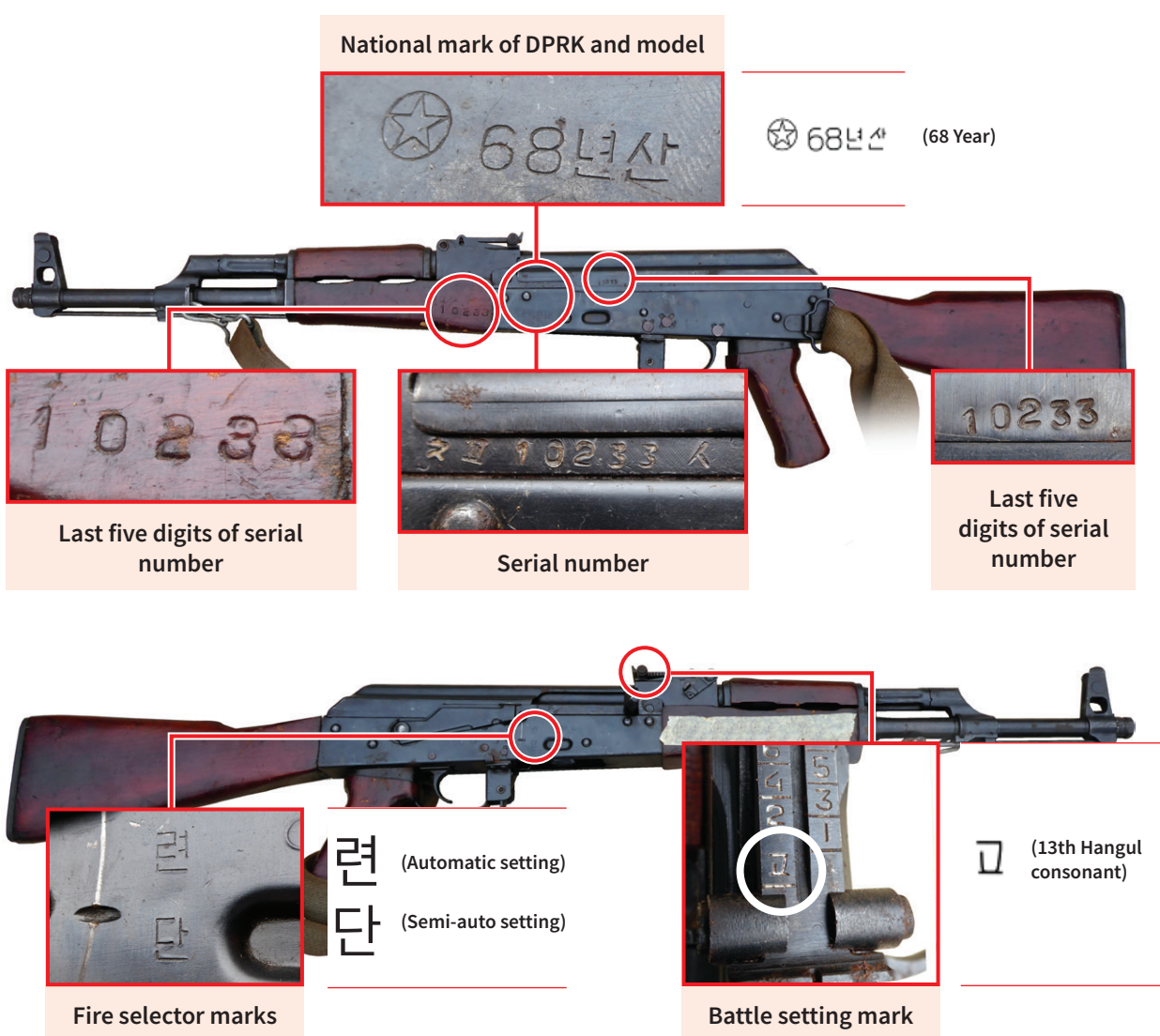
DESCRIPTION

- 7.62 × 39 mm - milled receiver with wooden furniture (rear stock is missing from the example shown).
- Copy of the Soviet AK-47 (Type 3 receiver).
- Note the presence of the model designation (58 Type) and the different style of fire selector marks compared to Example 1.

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1. RIFLES (CONTINUED)

TYPE 68 RIFLE, 7.62 × 39 MM (EXAMPLE 1)



DESCRIPTION

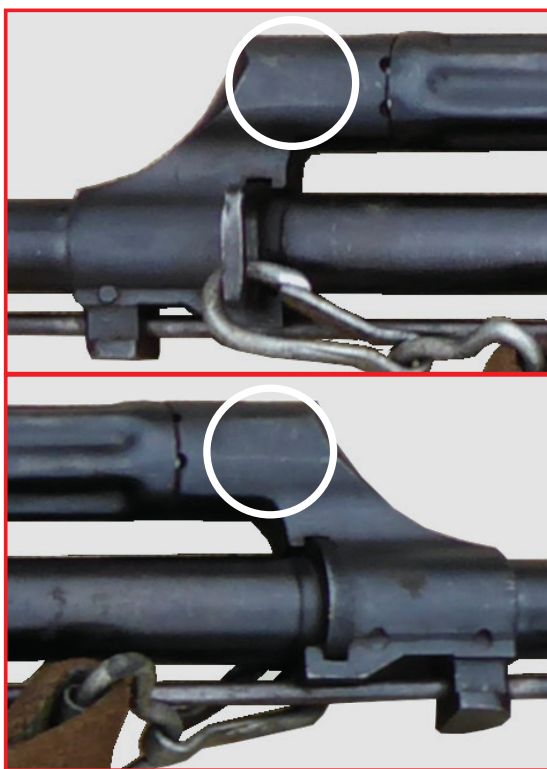
- 7.62 × 39 mm - stamped receiver with wooden furniture.
- Copy of the Soviet AKM (Type 4 receiver).
- Also produced with under-folding rear stock.

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1. RIFLES (CONTINUED)

TYPE 68 RIFLE, 7.62 × 39 MM (EXAMPLE 1 – CONTINUED)

Additional distinguishing features of the Type 68



Flat section on both sides of gas block



TOP

The Type 68 retained a double-hook trigger, more common on earlier AK-pattern weapons

BOTTOM

The weapon also features a ribbed trigger guard

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1. RIFLES (CONTINUED)

TYPE 68 RIFLE, 7.62 × 39 MM (EXAMPLE 2)



Serial number



Fire selector marks

- S (Safety setting)
- A (Automatic setting)
- R (Semi-auto setting)



Battle setting mark

ت (Arabic letter 'ta')

DESCRIPTION

- 7.62 × 39 mm – stamped receiver with plastic and wooden furniture and under-folding rear stock.
- Copy of the Soviet AKMS (Type 4 receiver).
- The S / A / R fire selector marks and Arabic battle setting mark are possible indicators that the weapon was produced for export to a specific country.
- The serial number is likely not original as indicated by signs of grinding on the forward trunnion. This is possibly indicative of former service weapons being refurbished for export.

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1. RIFLES (CONTINUED)

TYPE 68 RIFLE, 7.62 × 39 MM (EXAMPLE 2 – CONTINUED)

Additional distinguishing features of the Type 68



LEFT

Two rivets are used to fix the trigger guard to the receiver, as opposed to single rivets found on most AKM-pattern weapons

CENTRE

The Type 68 retained a double-hook trigger, more common on earlier AK-pattern weapons

RIGHT

The weapon also features a ribbed trigger guard



Flat section on both sides of gas block

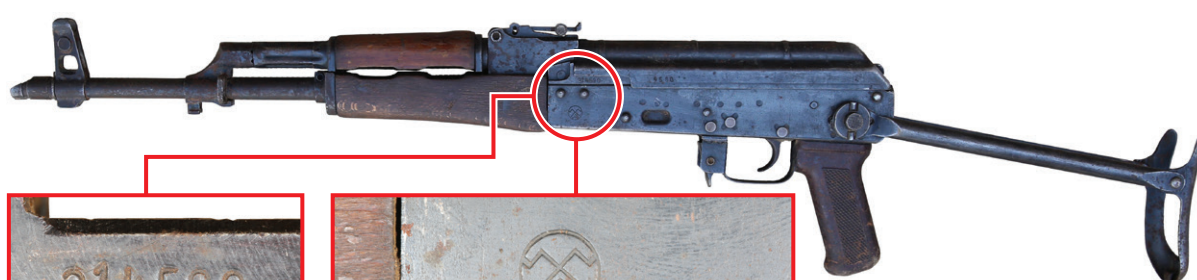


Uniquely shaped lightening cut on rear of front sight

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1. RIFLES (CONTINUED)

TYPE 68 RIFLE, 7.62 × 39 MM (EXAMPLE 3)



Serial number



Symbol of the Établissement Industriel de la Défense (EID) - Syria



Fire selector marks

رشاش (Automatic setting)
دراکا (Semi-auto setting)



Battle setting mark

ت (Arabic letter 'ta')

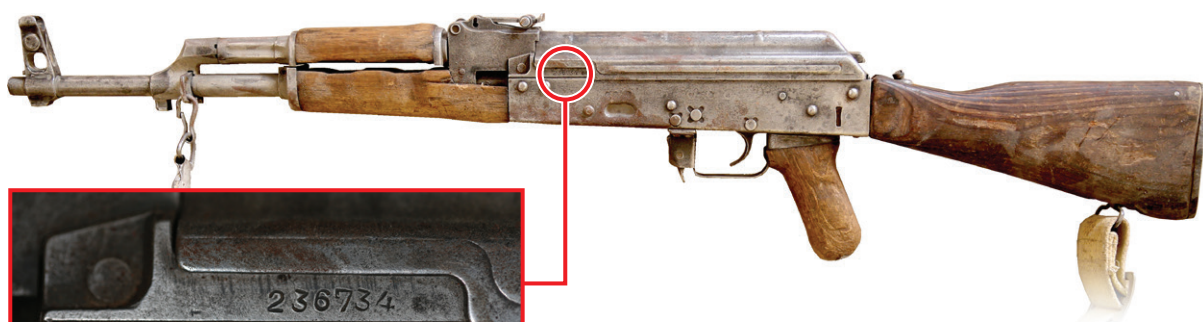
DESCRIPTION

- 7.62 × 39 mm – stamped receiver with plastic and wooden furniture and under-folding rear stock.
- Copy of the Soviet AKMS (Type 4 receiver).
- The weapon features a Syrian mark on the left of the receiver.
- Note the Arabic fire selector and battle setting marks.
- This weapon exhibits the same distinguishing features of the Type 68 seen in Examples 1 and 2, including a flat sided gas block, double-hook trigger, ribbed trigger guard, and a uniquely-shaped lightening cut on the rear of the front sight.

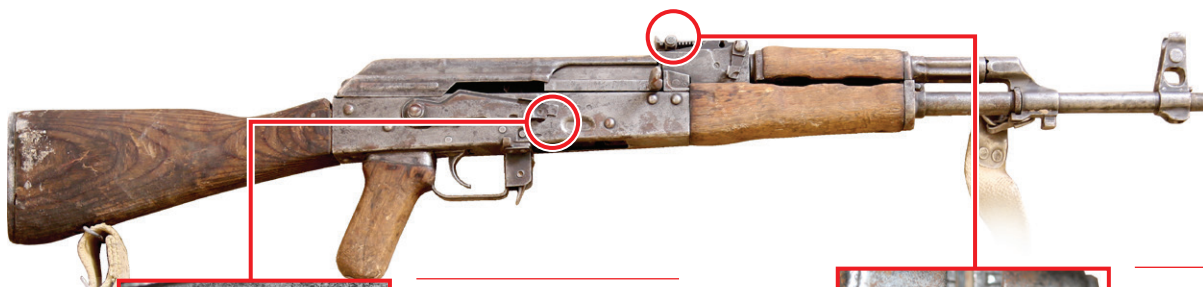
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1. RIFLES (CONTINUED)

TYPE 68 RIFLE, 7.62 × 39 MM (EXPORT MARKINGS)



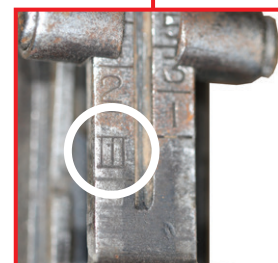
Serial number only



Fire selector marks

∞ (Automatic setting)

I (Semi-auto setting)



Battle setting mark

DESCRIPTION

- 7.62 × 39 mm - stamped receiver with wooden furniture.
- Copy of the Soviet AKM (Type 4 receiver).
- Note the difference in fire selector and battle setting marks for the export market.

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1. RIFLES (CONTINUED)

TYPE 88-1 RIFLE, 5.45 × 39 MM (EXPORT MARKINGS)



Attachment lugs for
grenade launcher



Serial number only

Muzzle device
missing



Shape of rear
stock is unique
to Type 88-1



Fire selector marks

∞ (Automatic setting)

I (Semi-auto setting)

DESCRIPTION

- 5.45 × 39 mm - stamped receiver with wooden furniture.
- Copy of the Soviet AK-74, with a uniquely shaped side-folding stock that narrows at the hinge.
- Can be fitted with an under-barrel grenade launcher.

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2. ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND OPTICAL SIGHTS

NO. 7 ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADE LAUNCHER, 40 MM



Trigger group plate



National mark of DPRK

68 년식7호발사관

68 Year Type No. 7 Launch Tube

문L808258

Serial number



Last four digits of serial number are repeated on the barrel and rear sight

DESCRIPTION

- 40 mm with wooden furniture.
- Copy of the Soviet RPG-7.

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2. ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND OPTICAL SIGHTS (CONTINUED)

OPTICAL SIGHT FOR NO. 7 ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADE LAUNCHER



DESCRIPTION

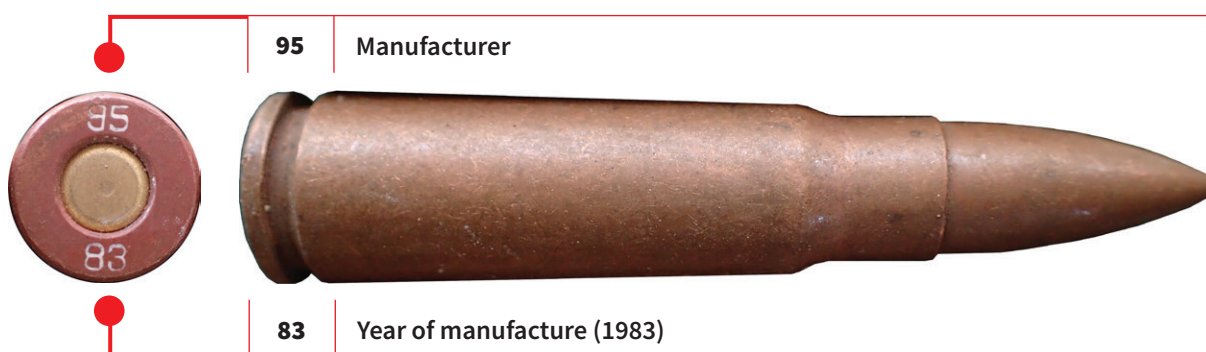
- Copy of Soviet PGO-7 optical sight for use on RPG-7-pattern rocket-propelled grenade launchers.
- Features a battery-powered illuminated reticle.

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3. SMALL CALIBRE AMMUNITION

SAMJIYEON PRECISION MACHINE FACTORY NO. 95

7.62 × 39 mm manufactured in 1983

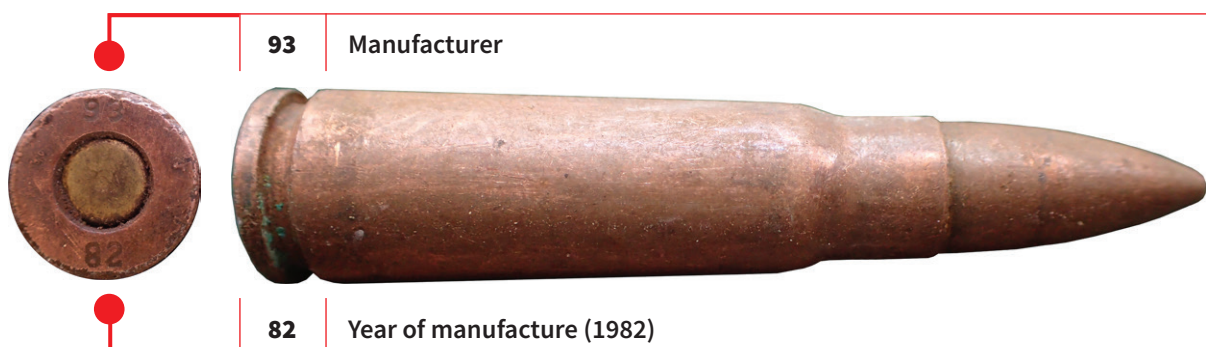


7.62 × 54 mm R manufactured in 1983



UNKNOWN FACTORY NO.93

7.62 × 39 mm manufactured in 1982



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3. SMALL CALIBRE AMMUNITION (CONTINUED)

UNKNOWN FACTORY NO.93 (CONTINUED)

7.62 × 39 mm (continued)



7.62 × 54 mm R



14.5 × 114 mm cartridges manufactured in 1982 contained in metal tin

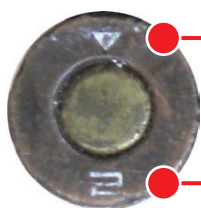


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3. SMALL CALIBRE AMMUNITION (CONTINUED)

UNKNOWN FACTORY (TRIANGLE MARK)

7.62 × 39 mm manufactured in 1962



Manufacturer mark



(4th Hangul consonant) indicates manufacture in 1962



Manufacturer mark (may also point upwards)



(4th Hangul consonant) indicates manufacture in 1962

7.62 × 39 mm manufactured in 1963



(5th Hangul consonant) indicates manufacture in 1963

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3. SMALL CALIBRE AMMUNITION (CONTINUED)

UNKNOWN FACTORY (TRIANGLE MARK – CONTINUED)

7.62 × 39 mm manufactured in 1964



ㅈ (6th Hangeul consonant) indicates manufacture in 1964

7.62 × 39 mm manufactured in 1967



ㅊ (9th Hangeul consonant) indicates manufacture in 1967

7.62 × 39 mm manufactured in 1969



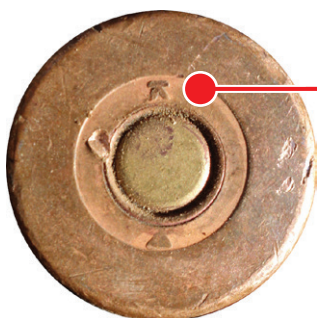
ㅊ (11th Hangeul consonant) indicates manufacture in 1969

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3. SMALL CALIBRE AMMUNITION (CONTINUED)

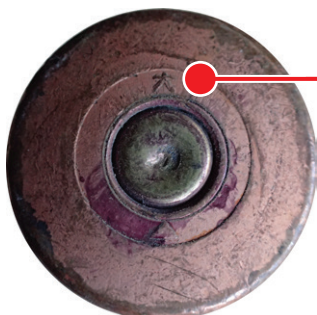
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14.5 × 114 mm



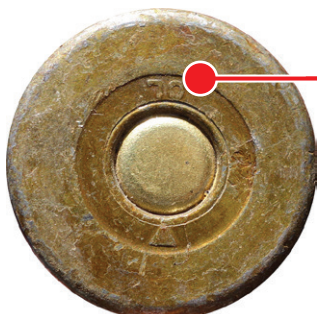
ㄸ

(9th Hangul consonant) indicates manufacture in 1967



ㄸ

(10th Hangul consonant) indicates manufacture in 1968



70

Year of manufacture (1970)

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4. OTHER AMMUNITION WITH PACKAGING

14.5 × 114 MM CARTRIDGES

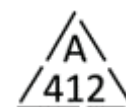
NOTE: The crates are labelled 'BEARING', presumably to divert attention from their true contents.

Front and rear view of crates

: BEARING	False description of contents	21/600	Crate number / total number of crates
: 25 / 20 Kg	Gross / net weight	49 × 30 × 20	Dimensions of crate



PRO /142/KS/77	Libyan contract number
: TRIPOLI	Location of consignee
: DMP JAMAHIRIYA STR TRIPOLI	(Consignee address) Department of Military Procurement (DMP) Jamahiriya Street Tripoli



Code specific to Libyan procurement, as observed on materiel produced by other manufacturing states.

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4. OTHER AMMUNITION WITH PACKAGING (CONTINUED)

14.5 × 114 MM CARTRIDGES (CONTINUED)

Contents of crate



93 | Manufacturer

80 | Year of manufacture (1980)

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4. OTHER AMMUNITION WITH PACKAGING (CONTINUED)

40 MM F-7 ROCKETS

NOTE: The crates are labelled 'PARTS OF ROCK-DRILL', presumably to divert attention from their true contents.

Front view of crates



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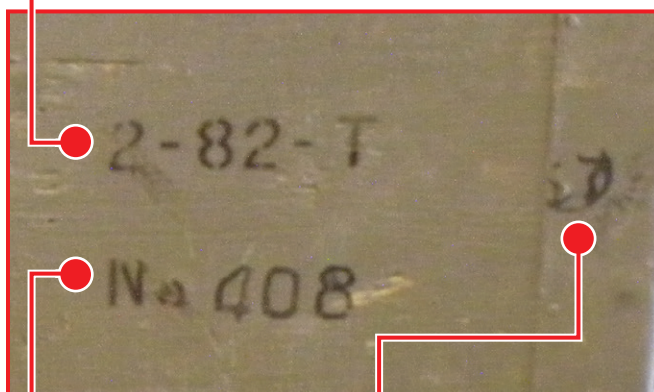
4. OTHER AMMUNITION WITH PACKAGING (CONTINUED)

40 MM F-7 ROCKETS (CONTINUED)

Contents of crate



2 Lot number
82 Year of manufacture
T Manufacturer



No 408 Crate number



National mark of DPRK

Top view of opened crate

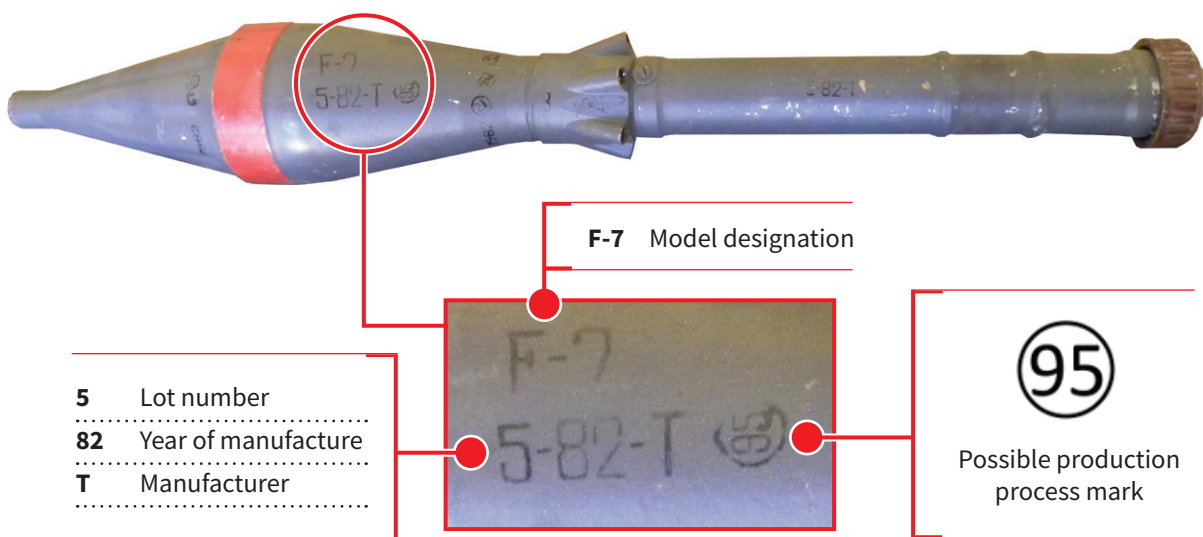


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4. OTHER AMMUNITION WITH PACKAGING (CONTINUED)

40 MM F-7 ROCKETS (CONTINUED)

Markings on grey rocket



Packaging for expelling charges



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4. OTHER AMMUNITION WITH PACKAGING (CONTINUED)

40 MM F-7 ROCKETS (CONTINUED)

Rockets also observed in green




130 MM CASINGS (SEPARATE-LOADING ARTILLERY AMMUNITION)

NOTE: The crates are labelled 'PARTS OF MACHINE TOOL', presumably to divert attention from their true contents.

Front view of crates



False description of contents

PORT OF: LATTAKIA SYRIA
 CONSIGNEE: D.M. SYRIA
 MARK OF CASE: 
 CONSIGNOR: O SULBI KOREA
 GOODS: PARTS OF MACHINE TOOL
 PACKAGE No 9517 / 30000
 GROSS / NET WEIGHT 82 / 53



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