



SALW Guide

Global distribution and visual identification



Bolivia

Country report

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Weapons Distribution

The following list shows the weapons which can be found in *Bolivia* and whether there is data on who holds these weapons:

| AK-74 | U |
|-------------------|---|
| AR 15 (M16/M4) | U |
| Browning M 2 | G |
| CZ Scorpion | G |
| Colt M1911 | U |
| Dragunov SVD | U |
| FN FAL | G |
| FN Herstal FN MAG | G |
| FN High Power | U |
| HK 21 | G |

| HK 23 | U |
|----------------|---|
| HK G3 | G |
| M1918 Browning | U |
| M60 | G |
| MAT 49 | G |
| Mauser K98 | U |
| SIG SG510-4 | G |
| SIG SG540 | G |
| Steyr AUG | G |
| UZI | G |

Explanation of symbols



Country of origin



Licensed production



Production without a licence



Government: Sources indicate that this type of weapon is held by Governmental agencies.



Non-Government: Sources indicate that this type of weapon is held by non-Governmental armed groups.



Unspecified: Sources indicate that this type of weapon is found in the country, but do not specify whether it is held by Governmental agencies or non-Governmental armed groups.

It is entirely possible to have a combination of tags beside each country. For example, if country X is tagged with a G and a U, it means that at least one source of data identifies Governmental agencies as holders of weapon type Y, and at least one other source confirms the presence of the weapon in country X without specifying who holds it.

Note: This application is a living, non-comprehensive database, relying to a great extent on active contributions (provision and/or validation of data and information) by either SALW experts from the military and international renowned think tanks or by national and regional focal points of small arms control entities.

AK-74

The AK 74 (Designed 1974) is an adaptation of the 7.62mm AKM assault rifle and features several important design improvements. These modifications were primarily the result of converting the rifle to the intermediate-caliber 5.45x39mm cartridge, in fact, some



early models are reported to have been converted AKMs, with the barrel re-sleeved to 5.45x39mm. The result is a more accurate and reliable rifle than the AKM. The AK-74 and AKM share an approximate 50% parts commonality (interchangeable are most often pins, springs and screws). There are many variants. The weapons are used by the former Warsaw Pact countries, and they are still in service with numerous armed forces, both regular and irregular. The model and its variants remain the most popular and widely used rifles in the world because of its reliability under harsh conditions, low production costs.

| Category | Assault Rifles |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | Gas operated, rotating bolt with 2 lugs |
| Cartridge | 5.45 x 39mm |
| Length | 943 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **AK-74**:

5.45 x 39mm

| Bullet diameter | 5.6 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 39.82 mm |
| Overall length | 57 mm |



AR 15 (M16/M4)

The heart of the Colt AR-15 is the direct gas system. This system uses no conventional gas piston and rod to propel bolt group back after the shot is fired. Instead, the hot powder gases are fed from the barrel and down to the stainless steel tube into the receiver. Inside the receiver, the rear end of the gas tube enters into the "gas key", a small attachment on the top of the bolt carrier. The hot gases,



through the gas key, enter the hollow cavity inside the bolt carrier, and expands there, acting against the bolt carrier and the collar around the bolt body. The pressure of the gases causes the bolt carrier to move back against initially stationary bolt. The M16 clone CQ/ Terab has been observed in South Sudan used by some rebel groups. The CQ is a variant of the AR-15 rifle manufactured by the Chinese arms company, NORINCO. The "Terab" rifle is a clone of the Norinco CQ manufactured by the MIC (Military Industry Corporation) of Sudan. The "Armada" rifle is a clone of the Norinco CQ manufactured by S.A.M. - Shooter's Arms Manufacturing, a.k.a. Shooter's Arms Guns & Ammo Corporation, in the Philippines. The CQ/ Terab has been observed in South Sudan used by some rebel groups in 2013.

| Category | Assault Rifles |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Operating system | Gas operated, rotating bolt |
| Cartridge | 5.56 x 45mm / .223 Remington |
| Length | 986 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the AR 15 (M16/M4):

5.56 x 45mm / .223 Remington

| Bullet diameter | 5.7 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 44.7 mm |
| Overall length | 57.4 mm |



Browning M 2

The Browning .50 caliber machine gun has been used extensively as a vehicle weapon and for aircraft armament. The M2 fires from a closed bolt, operated on the short recoil principle. Nearly 5 million items were produced.



| Category | Heavy Machine Guns |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | Fires from a short bolt, operated on the short recoil principle |
| Cartridge | 12.7 x 99 mm NATO (.50BMG) |
| Length | 1650 mm |
| Feeding | Belt |

The following ammunition can be used by the **Browning M 2**:

12.7 x 99 mm NATO (.50BMG)

| Bullet diameter | 13 mm |
|-----------------|--------|
| Case length | 99 mm |
| Overall length | 138 mm |

NO IMAGE

CZ Scorpion

The latest CZ Scorpion (also written Skorpion) EVO 3 submachine gun entered into production in 2009 and obtained its name from the original CZ Skorpion 1961 model. Despite its name, the EVO 3 is mechanically unrelated to the Skorpion Vz. 61. Originally, it was marketed as a Personal Defence Weapon (PDW), such as the FN P90, but its calibre and overall size classifies the EVO 3 as a sub-machine gun. Several models,



changes and improvements have been introduced into the broader CZ Scorpion-family. Many machine gun models of the CZ Scorpion, which are designed to be fired by a single hand, provide single shots or automatic fire and can be fitted with a suppressor. Different CZ Scorpion variants are still produced and available for export sale.

| Category | Submachine Guns |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Operating system | blow-back, selective-fire |

| Cartridge | 7.65 x 17 mm SR (.32 ACP) 9mm Makarov (9.2 x 18mm) 9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm) 9x17 mm (.380 ACP) |
|-----------|--|
| Length | 517 mm |
| Feeding | detachable, double-column box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **CZ Scorpion**:

7.65 x 17 mm SR (.32 ACP)

| Bullet diameter | 7.94 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 17.3 mm |
| Overall length | 25 mm |

NO IMAGE

9mm Makarov (9.2 x 18mm)

| Bullet diameter | 9.27 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 18.1 mm |
| Overall length | 25 mm |



9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm)

| Bullet diameter | 9 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 19.15 mm |
| Overall length | 29.69 mm |



9x17 mm (.380 ACP)

| Bullet diameter | 9 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 17.3 mm |
| Overall length | 25 mm |

NO IMAGE

Colt M1911

Technically, the M1911, also known as Colt Government, is a recoil operated, locked breech semi-auto pistol. It has single action trigger with frame mounted safety that locks the hammer and the slide. Hammer could be locked either in cocked or in lowered position, allowing the gun to be carried in "cocked and locked" state, with safety on, hammer cocked and round chambered. Additional automated safety incorporated



into rear of the grip and locks the action when gun not held in the hand properly. The M 1911 was manufactured by many companies in many countries, partly in the original form, partly modified, partly under license and partly without a license. It was exported to many countries after WW II, and it was in service with the US armed forces for more then 70 years.

| Category | Self-Loading Pistols & Revolvers |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | Short recoil operated, closed breech, single action, semi-automatic |
| Cartridge | .45 ACP |
| Length | 219 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the Colt M1911:

.45 ACP

| Bullet diameter | 11.5 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 22.8 mm |
| Overall length | 32 mm |



Dragunov SVD

The Dragunov SVD uses a short-stroke gas piston and the gas chamber has a two-position manual gas regulator. Barrels locked by rotating bolt with three lugs. The safety is



somewhat reminiscent in its appearance to that of Kalashnikov AK-Assault rifles, although the internal design of the trigger unit is different, and there is no provisions for full automatic fire. The trigger unit is assembled on a separate removable base that also incorporates a trigger guard. It is used by all former Warsaw Pact countries, and it is in service with numerous armed forces, both regular and irregular. The Yugoslavian model "Zastava Model 76" has a solid, non-skeletonized stock, and is chambered in 7.92x57mm.

| Category | Rifles & Carbines |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | Gas operated, short stroke, rotating bolt, semi-automatic |
| Cartridge | 7.62 x 54mm R |
| Length | 1225 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **Dragunov SVD**:

7.62 x 54mm R

| Bullet diameter | 7.92 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 53.72 mm |
| Overall length | 77.16 mm |



FN FAL

The FN FAL (Fusil Automatique Léger - Light Automatic Rifle) is one of the most famous and widespread military rifle. Because of its prevalence and widespread usage among the



militaries of many NATO and first world countries during the Cold War, it received the title "The right arm of the Free World". It can be found in both, the 7.62x51mm and, very rarely, the 5.56x45mm NATO versions. The furniture may be wood, metal or plastic. There are various barrel lengths. In the UK (L1A1), Canadian, Indian and Netherland versions, there is no automatic fire mode. The gas system is fitted with gas regulator so it could be easily adjusted for various environment conditions, or cut off completely so rifle grenades could be safely launched from the barrel.

| Category | Assault Rifles |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | Gas operated, tilting breechblock, select-fire or semi-automatic only |
| Cartridge | 7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester |
| Length | 1100 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **FN FAL**:

7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester

| Bullet diameter | 7.82 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 51.18 mm |
| Overall length | 69.85 mm |



FN Herstal FN MAG

The Belgian FN MAG (Mitrailleuse d'Appui Général, meaning general-purpose machine gun) entered into production in 1958. It is one of the most widespread machine gun designs and is used in more than 90 countries around the globe. It is still manufactured in Belgium and produced under license in several countries including Argentina, Egypt, the US and the



UK. It can be carried by infantry and is usually fired while mounted on a tripod.

| Category | Heavy Machine Guns |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Operating system | gas, automatic |
| Cartridge | 7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester |
| Length | 1260 mm |
| Feeding | disintegrating metal link belt |

The following ammunition can be used by the **FN Herstal FN MAG**:

7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester

| Bullet diameter | 7.82 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 51.18 mm |
| Overall length | 69.85 mm |



FN High Power

The High Power is one of the most widely used military pistols of all time, having been used by the armed forces of over 50 countries. The pistol is often referred to as an HP (for "Hi Power" or "High Power") or as a GP (for the French term, "Grande Puissance"). Technically, the High Power pistol, also known as Browning HP 35, GP 35 or Model 1935, is a recoil operated, locked breech pistol. It uses linkless barrel to slide locking invented by Browning. The



trigger is single action, with external hammer. Original HPs featured frame mounted safety at the left side of the frame, that locks both sear and slide. Modern versions, since Mark II, also featured ambidextrous safety levers, that are also more comfortable to operate.

| Category | Self-Loading Pistols & Revolvers |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | Short recoil operated, locked breech, single action |
| Cartridge | .40 S&W 9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm) |
| Length | 200 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **FN High Power**:

.40 S&W

| Bullet diameter | 10.2 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 21.6 mm |
| Overall length | 28.8 mm |



9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm)

| Bullet diameter | 9 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 19.15 mm |
| Overall length | 29.69 mm |



HK 21

The basic action of the machine gun, which received the company designation HK 21, was similar to that of the G3 rifle. The HK 21 fired from a closed bolt (not that big issue since its heavy barrel was really quick-detachable) and,



unlike most machine guns, its belt feeding module was located below the receiver. Variants: HK11E automatic rifle (magazine fed, 7.62 mm) HK13E automatic rifle (magazine fed, 5.56 mm) HK21E general purpose machine gun (belt feed, 7.62 mm) HK23E light machine gun (belt-fed, 5.56 mm). The "E" stands for "Export" model.

| Category | Light Machine Guns |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Operating system | Selective fire roller-back blowback |
| Cartridge | 7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester |
| Length | 1140 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **HK 21**:

7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester

| Bullet diameter | 7.82 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 51.18 mm |
| Overall length | 69.85 mm |



HK 23

The HK (Heckler & Koch) 23 emerged in 1972 from the original HK 21, which explains the optical and technical resemblance between them and their variants. Usually it is fired from a bipod, but it can also be tripod mounted. While the production of the original HK 21 and 23 have officially ceased, there are still models in production. Residual numbers may remain in service. An "E" added to the weapon's name identifies models for export.



| Category | Light Machine Guns |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Operating system | Selective fire roller-back blowback |

| Cartridge | 5.56 x 45mm / .223 Remington |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| Length | 1030 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the HK 23:

5.56 x 45mm / .223 Remington

| Bullet diameter | 5.7 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 44.7 mm |
| Overall length | 57.4 mm |



HK G3

The G3 constructed from Heckler & Koch (H&K) in cooperation with a Spanish agency Centro de Estudios
Técnicos de Materiales Especiale (CETME) in the beginning
Model A & B, after further development, West German Army
(Bundeswehr) implemented this rifle. The furniture can be wood or plastic. The plastic stock may be green, sand or black. There is also a collapsing stock. The rifle is hammer fired and has a trigger mechanism with a 3-position fire selector switch that is also the manual safety toggle that secures the weapon from accidentally discharging.

| Category | Assault Rifles |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Operating system | Roller-delayed blowback |
| Cartridge | 7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester |
| Length | 1023 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **HK G3**:

7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester

| Bullet diameter | 7.82 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 51.18 mm |



M1918 Browning

The M1918 was produced between 1917 and 1945 originally in the US, but it is also produced in countries such as Belgium, Poland, Sweden and China. It remained in use



by the US military until the 1970s. The name affix of the M1918 "BAR" means "Browning Automatic Rifle" and refers to the original designer John M. Browning, not to the actual manufacturer.

| Category | Light Machine Guns |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | gas operated, rising bolt lock |
| Cartridge | .30-06 M1 7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester 7.7 x 56mm R / .303 British 7.92x57 mm (8x57 IS) |
| Length | 1200 mm |
| Feeding | 20-round detachable box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **M1918 Browning**:

.30-06 M1

| Bullet diameter | 7.8 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 63.3 mm |
| Overall length | 85 mm |



7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester

| Bullet diameter | 7.82 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 51.18 mm |
| Overall length | 69.85 mm |



7.7 x 56mm R / .303 British

| Bullet diameter | 7.9 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 56.4 mm |
| Overall length | 78.1 mm |



7.92x57 mm (8x57 IS)

| Bullet diameter | 8.08 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 57 mm |
| Overall length | 82 mm |



M60

The M60 is a family of American general purpose machine guns firing 7.62x51mm NATO cartridges from a disintegrating belt of M13 links. There are several types of live ammunition approved for use in the M60, including ball, tracer, and armor-piercing rounds. The M60 was referred to as "The Pig" during the Vietnam War. The M60's gas operation is unique, and drew on technical advances of the



period, particularly the white "gas expansion and cutoff" principle also exploited by the M14 rifle. The M60's gas system was simpler than other gas systems and easier to clean.

| Category | Light Machine Guns |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Operating system | Gas operated, belt fed |
| Cartridge | 7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester |
| Length | 1105 mm |
| Feeding | Belt |

The following ammunition can be used by the **M60**:

7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester

| Bullet diameter | 7.82 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 51.18 mm |

| Overall length | 69.85 mm |
|----------------|----------|
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MAT 49

For some 30 years, the MAT 49 was widely used by French military and police forces; it was used throughout the Indochinese and Algerian campaigns. The weapon can still be encountered in former French colonies in Africa and Indochina. It should be noted that North Vietnam once produced a local copy of the MAT 49, chambered for 7.62mm TT rounds. MAT 49s



manufactured for police forces, had two triggers, allowing use of full-auto fire or single shots, but most were manufactured as full-auto only.

| Category | Submachine Guns |
|------------------|--|
| Operating system | Blowback-operated, fired from open bolt |
| Cartridge | 7.62 x 25mm Tokarev 9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm) |
| Length | 404 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **MAT 49**:

7.62 x 25mm Tokarev

| Bullet diameter | 7.8 mm |
|-----------------|--------|
| Case length | 25 mm |
| Overall length | 34 mm |



9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm)

| Bullet diameter | 9 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 19.15 mm |
| Overall length | 29.69 mm |



Mauser K98

of the Yugoslav wars.

There are many variants of this weapon, and it has been widely copied. K98k is a bolt-action rifle chambered for the 7.92×57mm

Mauser cartridge. It remained the primary German service rifle until the end of the war in 1945. Millions were captured by the Soviets at the conclusion of World War II and were widely distributed as military aid. The Karabiner 98k therefore continues to appear in conflicts across the world as they are taken out of storage during times of strife. A number of non-European nations used the Mauser Karabiner 98k rifle as well as a few guerrilla organizations to help establish new nation-states. One example was Israel who used the Mauser Karabiner 98k rifle from the late 1940s until the 1970s. During the 1990s, the Yugoslavian Karabiner 98k rifles and the Yugoslavian M48 and M48A rifles

| Category | Rifles & Carbines |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Operating system | Manually operated, rotating bolt |
| Cartridge | 7.92x57 mm (8x57 IS) |
| Length | 1110 mm |
| Feeding | Internal magazine |

were used alongside modern automatic and semi-automatic rifles by all the warring factions

The following ammunition can be used by the **Mauser K98**:

7.92x57 mm (8x57 IS)

| Bullet diameter | 8.08 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 57 mm |
| Overall length | 82 mm |



SIG SG510-4

The Swiss SIG SG510 was produced between 1957 and 1983. It is also known as the Fass 57 (French/Italian, for Fusil d'Assault 57/Fucile d' Assalto 57) or Stgw 57 (German for Sturm Gewehr 57). The SG510-4 model, which is



shorter and lighter than the original SG540, uses 7.62×51mm NATO munition and is in service by the Chilean and Bolivian armed forces.

| Category | Assault Rifles |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Operating system | delayed-blowback; selective-fire |
| Cartridge | 7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester |
| Length | 1016 mm |
| Feeding | detachable box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the SIG SG510-4:

7.62 x 51mm / .308 Winchester

| Bullet diameter | 7.82 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 51.18 mm |
| Overall length | 69.85 mm |



SIG SG540

The Swiss SIG SG540 was designed as a potential replacement for the SG510. It was produced between 1977 and 2002 in Switzerland and remains in production in Chile only. While the SG540 and the SG 543 models are chambered for the 6.56×45 mm caliber, the SG542 uses 7.62×51 mm NATO cartridges.



| Category | Assault Rifles | |
|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Operating system | gas, selective-fire | |
| Cartridge | 5.56 x 45mm / .223 Remington | |
| Length | 950 mm | |
| Feeding | detachable box magazine | |

The following ammunition can be used by the SIG SG540:

5.56 x 45mm / .223 Remington

| Bullet diameter | 5.7 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 44.7 mm |
| Overall length | 57.4 mm |



Steyr AUG

The rifle is fully ambidextrous. It can be configured for use by left-handed shooters by simply changing the bolt for a left-handed one with the extractor and ejector on opposite sides, and moving a blanking cap from the left ejection opening to the right. The housing of the AUG rifles, integral with the pistol handle and trigger guard, is made from the high impact-resistant polymer, and is



usually of green or black color. The Australian Army's modified version of the Steyr AUG A1 is called F88 Austeyr. It is also used by the Falklands Defense Forces.

| Category | Assault Rifles |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | Gas operated, rotating bolt |
| Cartridge | 5.56 x 45mm / .223 Remington 9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm) |
| Length | 790 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **Steyr AUG**:

5.56 x 45mm / .223 Remington

| Bullet diameter | 5.7 mm |
|-----------------|---------|
| Case length | 44.7 mm |
| Overall length | 57.4 mm |



9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm)

| Bullet diameter | 9 mm |
|-----------------|------|

| Case length | 19.15 mm |
|----------------|----------|
| Overall length | 29.69 mm |



U7I

The UZI and the Czechoslovakian series Sa 23 to Sa 26 were the first weapons to use a telescoping bolt design, in which the bolt wraps around the breech end of the barrel. This allows the barrel to be moved far back into the receiver and the magazine to be housed in the pistol grip, allowing for a heavier, slower-firing bolt in a shorter, better- balanced weapon. The pistol grip is fitted with a grip safety, making it difficult to fire accidentally. There were built further variants, also as Military variants, such as Mini Uzi, Micro Uzi and Uzi Pistol. Miniand Micro-Uzi submachine guns were produced either in open-bolt or closed-bolt versions. The Uzi was also copied respectively cloned and spread around the whole world.

| Category | Submachine Guns |
|------------------|---|
| Operating system | Blowback-operated, fired from open bolt |
| Cartridge | 9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm) |
| Length | 470 mm |
| Feeding | Box magazine |

The following ammunition can be used by the **UZI**:

9mm Parabellum (9 x 19mm)

| Bullet diameter | 9 mm |
|-----------------|----------|
| Case length | 19.15 mm |
| Overall length | 29.69 mm |



Tagging of Sources

We believe that our Guide should be as transparent as possible without endangering the confidentiality of our sources. Rather than name the exact source for each unit of data, we have created tags so that users can at least know whether the data comes from a primary or secondary source, and by which medium it can or has been found. All incoming data is validated and then tagged by the project team at BICC before it enters our database.

Sources are tagged according to the following criteria:

1. Primary Sources:

These are presentations of facts. They are proof of an SALW event (e.g. a transfer, sighting, misuse, etc.) because the source was created at the time of the event itself. Primary sources as usually original documents such as transfer authorizations, firearms legislation, or academic journals presenting results of a study on SALW holdings in a particular country, for example. However, they can also be information offered by a person with direct knowledge of an SALW event or who has documented an SALW event at the time that it happened.

2. Secondary Sources:

These are interpretations or evaluation of facts. Secondary sources contain commentary and analysis of SALW events that are documented in primary sources.

Sources are also tagged according to the dominant medium of delivery:

- **A. Written** the source is based on written words.
- **B. Oral** the source is based on spoken words.
- **C. Visual** the source is based on seen events or optical images.

These criteria make our tags two-dimensional. While the process of classifying sources is a primarily subjective one, the project team at BICC has developed the following table to serve as an example of possible sources within each category.

Table: Examples of sources on SALW distribution

| Primary | Secondary |
|---------|-----------|
|---------|-----------|

| Written | Fact books Weapons Transfer authorizations End-user certificates Transcripts of interviews, legal proceedings, speeches/ presentations, meetings, conferences or symposia Newspaper articles Written correspondence (e.g. letters, emails, text messages, etc.) Blogs Peer-reviewed journal articles Treaties, constitution, laws Records of organizations (e.g. annual reports) Surveys, questionnaires | Wikipedia Literature reviews Training or safety manuals on gun control, ammunition, physical stockpile security management) Minutes of meetings, conferences, symposia Indexes (e.g. Global Militarization Index) Newspaper articles Etc. |
|---------|--|--|
| Oral | Interviews with experts, including radio or telephone Legal proceedings Speeches or interventions by experts or national representatives in government or international meetings Etc | Speeches, panel presentations, etc. on data provided by experts Etc |
| Visual | Artifacts (e.g. the weapons themselves, ammunition) Photographs of weapons, ammunition, etc. Videos (e.g. YouTube, those recorded by mobile phone) Television documentaries, news reports Etc | PowerPoint presentations on results found by experts Etc |

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Table: Example tags

| Source (sample) | Type of source | Medium of delivery |
|---|----------------|--------------------|
| IHS Jane's Weapons Infantry (2015-2016) | primary | written |
| Panel discussion of weapons use of non-state armed groups | secondary | oral |
| Documentary on paramilitaries in Colombia | primary | visual |

About the Guide

The Interactive Guide on **Small Arms and Light Weapons** is an open access tool, designed to build knowledge on how to identify different types, makes and models of commonly used SALW in organized violence; to collect data on the global and country-specific spread of these SALW; and to describe some of their visual and technical specifications.

The guide is not an exhaustive list of all SALW that are used around the world.

Global SALW control relies on, among other things, data and knowledge of the weapons themselves. Our aim is that the Guide will be used to support national reporting duties on SALW holdings; facilitate and ameliorate the collection of data on SALW; and increase general knowledge of global distribution of SALW.

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