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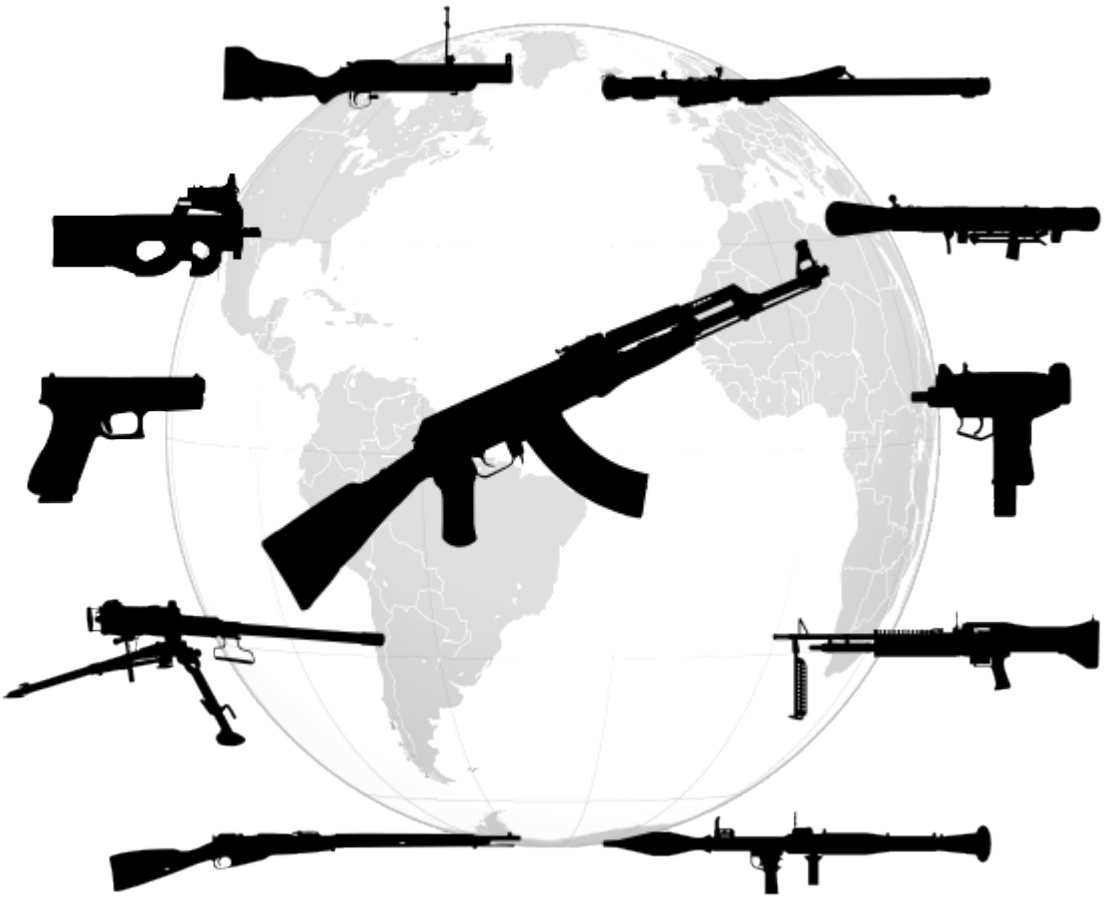

SALW

Categories

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Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW)

Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) are defined by the International Tracing Instrument / ITI (International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons) as “any man-portable lethal weapon that expels or launches, is designed to expel or launch, or may be readily converted to expel or launch a shot, bullet or projectile by the action of an explosive, excluding antique small arms and light weapons or their replicas.”

The categories and types of weapons in this Guide follow those listed in the ITI.

Small Arms

According to the definition provided by the International Tracing Instrument (ITI), **Small arms** “are, broadly speaking, weapons designed for individual use.”

Self-Loading Pistols & Revolvers

Pistols (Semi-autos) use part of the energy produced by burning cartridge powder to remove the used cartridge from the chamber, cock the hammer (or striker) and load a new cartridge in the chamber, so the pistol will be ready for the next shot. Cartridges are usually fed from a box magazine, located in the pistol's handle. Box magazines may contain up to 15 cartridges (or more) in single or double columns, depending on the pistol model, and are easy (and very quick) to reload.Revolvers got their name from the rotating (or revolving) cylinder, which contains cartridges. Usually the cylinder holds from 5 to 8 cartridges.

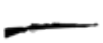
	Beretta 92/ 92 FS
	Colt M1911
	CZ 75
FATIH 13	FATIH 13
	FN High Power

	HK USP
	Makarov PM
	Norinco Type 67
	Tokarev TT-30/TT-33
	Webley Mk. IV

	Glock 17

Rifles & Carbines

The bolt action rifle is a weapon which requires a manual operation to reload a weapon prior to each shot. The term "bolt action" comes from the "bolt" - a part of the weapon that is used to feed cartridges into the chamber and to lock the barrel upon the fire.

	Dragunov SVD
	Lee-Enfield SMLE
	MAS 49
	MAS 49/56
	Mauser K98
	Mosin-Nagant Rifle Mod. 1891

	Mossberg 500
	Norinco Type 63
	Remington 870P
	Ruger Mini-14
	Simonov SKS

Submachine Guns

The submachine gun is an automatic or selective-fired shoulder weapon that fires pistol-caliber ammunition.

	Beretta M 12
	CZ Scorpion
	FN P90
	HK MP5
	MAT 49
	PPSH 41

	SA vz 23 / 25
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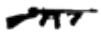
	Sten gun
	Sterling L2A3
	Thompson M1928
	UZI

Assault Rifles

An assault rifle is loosely defined as a selective fire rifle designed for combat that uses an intermediate cartridge and a detachable magazine. Assault rifles are the standard infantry weapons in most modern armies.

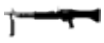
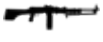
	AK-47 / AKM
	AK-74
	AR 15 (M16/M4)
	Beretta AR70/90
Daewoo DAR 21 / XK8	Daewoo DAR 21 / XK8
	Daewoo K11
	Daewoo K1 / K2
	FAMAS F1
	FN FAL
	HK33

	HK G3
	HK G36
	IWI Tavor TAR-21
	Norinco Type 81
	Norinco Type 95/ 97
	Pindad SS
	SIG SG510-4
	SIG SG540
	SIG SG550
	Steyr AUG

Light Machine Guns

A machine gun is a fully automatic mounted or portable firearm, usually designed to fire rifle bullets in quick succession from an ammunition belt or large-capacity magazine, typically at a rate of several hundred rounds per minute.

	FN MINIMI
	HK 21
	HK 23
	IWI NEGEV

	M60
	MG 3 / MG 42
	PK
	RPD

	M1918 Browning
	M1919 Browning

	RPK

Light Weapons

According to the definition provided by the International Tracing Instrument (ITI), **Light weapons** “are, broadly speaking, weapons designed for use by two or three persons serving as a crew, although some may be carried and used by a single person.”

Heavy Machine Guns

	Browning M 2
	DShk

	FN Herstal FN MAG

Hand-held under-barrel and Mounted Grenade Launchers

	AGS-17
	GDATP MK 19
	KBP GP-25/ 30

	M203 grenade launcher
	M79
	Milkor MRGL

Portable Anti-tank Guns

	RPG 2

	RPG 7

Recoilless Guns/Rifles

	Carl Gustav recoilless rifle

Portable Launcher of Anti-tank Missile and Rocket Systems

	MBDA MILAN
	Panzerfaust 3 (PzF 3)
	RPG-18

	RPG-22
	Saab AT4

Portable Launcher of Anti-aircraft Missile Systems

	FIM-92 Stinger
	IGLA (SA-16 / SA-18)

	Strela (SA-7 / SA-14)