

GP-25

■ **TYPE:** UNDER-BARREL GRENADE LAUNCHER



Model illustrated:
Arsenal UBGL-1, Bulgaria

Technical Information

Calibre
40 mm

Length
GP-25: 323 mm
GP-30: 276 mm

Weight (unloaded)
GP-25: 1.5 kg
GP-30: 1.3 kg

Barrel length
120 mm

Sighting system
Quadrant

Operating system
Single shot

Muzzle velocity
76.5 m/s

Russia introduced the GP-25 in 1978. The weapon is a muzzle-loading, under-barrel grenade launcher designed to fire 40 mm caseless (i.e. not fired from a cartridge case) grenades. The weapon is in widespread service across the world, including non-Russian variants and the later (visually very similar) GP-30. The weapon's primary distinguishing features, in contrast to other under-barrel grenade launchers, such as the US M203, are its short barrel and slim profile. The GP-25 and GP-30 are each designed to fit beneath Kalashnikov-pattern assault rifles.

PROBABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Region	State forces	Non-state/illegal
Western Europe	○	○
Eastern Europe	●	○
Middle East & North Africa	●	◐
Sub-Saharan Africa	●	◐
Central Asia	●	◐
South Asia	○	○
East Asia	●	◐
Pacific	◐	○
North America	○	○
Central America	◐	◐
South America	◐	○

● Expect regular use ◐ Expect occasional use ○ Do not expect use

Variants and their distinguishing features

VARIANTS (Model/manufacture)

- GP-25, Russia
- GP-30, Russia
- UBGL GP-25, Pakistan
- Arsenal UBGL-1, Bulgaria

Non-Russian variants of the GP-25 look virtually identical to the original model. Markings applied around the barrel may indicate the manufacturer and model, but may only feature a serial number. Some models feature manufacturer codes on the attachment bracket, which is situated above the barrel.

Points to include when recording information about the weapon:

1. Serial number, including all prefix and suffix characters
2. Characters adjacent to fire selector
3. Any other engraved/stamped information on weapon

DEPLOYED

Fitted to AK-74 assault rifle



▶ GP-25

VARIANTS

Short pistol grip, three ribs around barrel



▶ GP-25 (shown)
▶ UBGL-1
▶ UBGL GP-25

Longer pistol grip, recess around barrel



▶ GP-30

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