

M76 (& close derivatives)

■ TYPE: SNIPER RIFLE



Model illustrated: M76, Serbia

Technical Information

Calibre

7.92 x 57 mm (original)
7.62 x 54R mm
7.62 x 51 mm

Length

1,135 mm

Weight (unloaded)

4.6 kg

Barrel length (muzzle to bolt face)

550 mm

Feed device

Ten-round detachable box magazine

Sighting systems

Fore: pillar
Rear: U-notch tangent
Primary: optical

Operating system

Gas, selective fire

Muzzle velocity

730 m/s

Zastava Arms of Serbia released the M76 sniper rifle in the mid-1970s; it was to become the Yugoslavian National Army's primary sniper rifle. Production continues in Serbia. Iraq also manufactured a semi-automatic variant of the rifle known as the Tabuk (production is believed to have ceased c. 2003). The M76 is essentially a Kalashnikov-pattern assault rifle that has been strengthened and rechambered for larger calibres and features a longer, heavier barrel and optical sight. Although in general layout and proportions the M76 resembles the Russian Dragunov SVD, it is a distinct type of weapon and differs mechanically from the SVD.

PROBABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Region	State forces	Non-state/illicit
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/manufacturer)

- M76, Yugoslavia (later Serbia)
- Tabuk, Iraq

With the exception of a fully automatic setting on the fire selector of the M76 (missing on the Tabuk), the two weapons are nearly identical. The most effective means of discriminating between them is by consulting manufacturer markings.

MANUFACTURER MARKINGS

'Z' motif



► M76

'Lion' motif



► Tabuk

STOCK DESIGN

Skeletal



► Dragunov SVD

Solid



► M76
► Tabuk

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

MAGAZINE DESIGN

Curved, long



► All Kalashnikov types
► M70 (shown)

Straight-sided, short



► M76
► Tabuk

Curved, short



► Dragunov SVD

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