The PK general-purpose machine gun was developed in the late 1950s. The weapon is belt-fed (rather than magazine-fed) and it is chambered for the 7.62 x 54R rimmed cartridge. The PK’s most distinctive visual feature is the pierced stock, which features a large oval hole.

**Technical Information**
- **Calibre**: 7.62 x 54R
- **Length**: 1160mm
- **Weight (unloaded)**: 7.55 kg
- **Barrel length**: 643 mm
- **Feed device**: Non-disintegrating metal belt: 100, 200, and 250 rds
- **Sighting systems**: Fore: Post, cylindrical Rear: Vertical leaf
- **Operating system**: Gas, automatic fire
- **Rate of fire**: 250 rds/min
- **Muzzle velocity**: 825 m/s
- **Accessories**: tripod mount, night sight

**VARIANTS (Model/manufacturer)**
- PK, PKM, PKT, PKD; Russia, Kazakhstan, Romania
- MG, MG-M1; Bulgaria
- Type 80; China
- Kalashnikov Maksymov; Poland
- M84; Yugoslavia (Serbia)

**BARREL FLUTING**
- Fluted
- Un-fluted:
  - PK
  - PKM
  - Type 80
  - MG
  - MG-M1
  - M84

**STOCK DESIGN**
- Pierced stock
- Solid stock
  - All models except PKT, PKD, and M84
  - M84

**TRIPOD MOUNT AND NIGHT SIGHTS**
- PKM in PKMSN format

**MARKING INFORMATION**
Manufacturer proof marks are on the top cover of the weapon (model illustrated: MG-M1, Bulgaria)

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

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