

# Tokarev TT-33 (& close derivatives)

■ TYPE: PISTOL ■ ALSO REFERRED TO AS: TOKAREV/TT



## Technical Information

- Calibre**  
7.62 x 25 mm Type P
- Length**  
195 mm
- Weight (unloaded)**  
870 g
- Barrel length**  
116 mm
- Feed device**  
8-round detachable box magazine
- Sighting systems**  
Fore: blade  
Rear: notch
- Operating system**  
Single action recoil
- Muzzle velocity**  
420 m/s

The Tokarev was designed in Russia in 1920. Although it is mechanically based on the Colt Model 1911, it differs in appearance. The long slide, with a pronounced rearward overhang, and straight-sided grips are notable features of the weapon.

### PROBABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

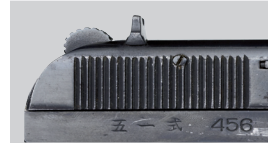
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Western Europe	○	○
Eastern Europe	○	▶
Middle East & North Africa	▶	●
Sub-Saharan Africa	●	●
Central Asia	●	●
South Asia	○	▶
East Asia	●	●
Pacific	○	○
North America	○	○
Central America	▶	●
South America	○	○

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

## Variants and their distinguishing features

### SLIDE GROOVES

Vertical



- ▶ Tokarev TT-33
- ▶ Type 51/Type 54 (shown)

Forward-sloping (narrow)



- ▶ Type 68

Forward-sloping (deep)



- ▶ M57 (shown)
- ▶ Model 48

### VARIANTS

#### (Model/manufacture)

- Tokarev TT-33, Russia
- Type 51, China
- Type 54, China
- Model 48, Hungary
- Type 68, North Korea
- M57, Yugoslavia

Early Tokarev TT-33s featured alternate narrow and wide grooves on the slide.

### PISTOL MARKINGS

Chinese characters on receiver or slide top



- ▶ Type 51/Type 54 (shown)

Calibre and model number marked on slide



- ▶ M57

### REAR OF SLIDE

Flat



- ▶ Type 68

Rounded



- ▶ All other models

### 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

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