

# WWII SMALL ARMS

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These tables do not try to list every gun used in the war, but rather the most significant firearms of the era. If there is a number in parentheses after the weapons name, it corresponds to a special note below the table.

Some weapons were available in different calibers. Due to space limitations, I have only included one common chambering. Likewise, the "Country" listing only indicates the original country of manufacture. Many weapons were manufactured and/or used in other countries as well. Space limitations also forced me to shorten some of the names of the weapons and cartridges.

Germany, for example, extensively utilized the firearm factories in the countries it occupied. Thus German soldiers sometimes were equipped with foreign weapons. Of the weapons included here, at least the FN Model 1922, FN High-Power, CZ 27 (sometimes silenced), VIS-35, PPSH41 (in 9mm Para, using MP40 magazines), Steyr Solothurn and Beretta 38/42 were used by them.



Handgun	Country	Caliber	Weight	Length	Magazine
FN Model 1900	Belgium	.32 ACP	0.6kg	17cm	7 box
FN Model 1922	Belgium	9mm Short	0.7kg	18cm	9 box
FN High-Power	Belgium	9mm Para	1.0kg	20cm	13 box
CZ 27	Czechoslovakia	.32 ACP	0.7kg	16cm	8 box
L35 Lahti	Finland	9mm Para	1.2kg	25cm	8 box
Lebel M1892	France	8mm French	0.8kg	25cm	6 cylinder
MAS1935A	France	7.65mm Long	0.7kg	19cm	8 box
Mauser C96 9mm	Germany	9mm Para	1.3kg	30cm	10 internal
Parabellum P08	Germany	9mm Para	0.9kg	22cm	8 box
Walther PP	Germany	.32 ACP	0.7kg	16cm	8 box
Walther PPK	Germany	.32 ACP	0.6kg	15cm	7 box
Mauser HSc	Germany	.32 ACP	0.6kg	15cm	8 box
Walther P38	Germany	9mm Para	1.0kg	21cm	8 box
Webley Mk 6	UK	.455 SAA	1.1kg	29cm	6 cylinder
Enfield No. 2 Mk 1*	UK	.380 SAA	0.8kg	26cm	6 cylinder
Beretta M1934	Italy	9mm Short	0.7kg	15cm	7 box
Taisho 14	Japan	8mm Taisho	0.9kg	23cm	8 box
Type 94	Japan	8mm Taisho	0.8kg	18cm	6 box
Radom VIS-35	Poland	9mm Para	1.1kg	21cm	8 box
Astra 400 (1)	Spain	9mm Largo	1.1kg	24cm	8 box
SIG P210 (2)	Switzerland	9mm Para	1.0kg	22cm	8 box
Colt M1911A1	USA	.45 ACP	1.1kg	22cm	7 box
S&W M1917 (3)	USA	.45 ACP	1.0kg	27cm	6 cylinder
Nagant (4)	USSR	7.62mm 1895	0.8kg	23cm	7 cylinder
TT33 Tokarev	USSR	7.62mm 1930	0.8kg	19cm	8 box

<b>Submachine gun</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Caliber</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Magazine</b>
Owen Mk 1	Australia	9mm Para	4.2kg	81cm	33 box
M/31 Suomi	Finland	9mm Para	4.9kg	88cm	20 box/70 drum
MAS38	France	7.65mm Long	2.8kg	64cm	32 box
MP40	Germany	9mm Para	4.0kg	63/83cm	32 box
Lanchester Mk I	UK	9mm Para	4.4kg	85cm	50 box
Sten Mk 2 (5)	UK	9mm Para	3.0kg	76cm	32 box
Beretta 38/42	Italy	9mm Para	3.3kg	80cm	20/40 box
Steyr Solothurn	Switzerland	9mm Para	3.9kg	85cm	32 box
M1A1 Thompson	USA	.45 ACP	4.8kg	81cm	20/30 box
M3 (5)	USA	.45 ACP	3.7kg	58/76cm	30 box
PPSh 41	USSR	7.62mm 1930	3.6kg	84cm	35 box/71 drum
PPS 43	USSR	7.62mm 1930	3.4kg	82cm	35 box

<b>Bolt-action rifle</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Caliber</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Magazine</b>
M/39 (6)	Finland	7.62mm 1891	4.0kg	123cm	5 internal
MAS36	France	7.5mm 1929	3.8kg	102cm	5 internal
Mauser Kar 98k	Germany	7.92mm	3.9kg	111cm	5 internal
Lee-Enfield No. 4	UK	.303 SAA	4.2kg	113cm	10 box
De Lisle carbine (5)	UK	.45 ACP	3.2kg	89cm	10 box
M1938	Italy	6.5mm M91	3.8kg	129cm	6 internal
Arisaka Meiji 38	Japan	6.5mm Jap	4.3kg	128cm	5 internal
Arisaka Type 99	Japan	7.7mm	4.2kg	112cm	5 internal
M1903	USA	.30-06	3.9kg	110cm	5 internal
Mosin-Nagant	USSR	7.62mm 1891	4.0kg	123cm	5 internal

<b>Self-loading rifle</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Caliber</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Magazine</b>
Gew 41	Germany	7.92mm	5.0kg	113cm	10 internal
FG42 (7)	Germany	7.92mm	4.5kg	94cm	20 box
Gew 43	Germany	7.92mm	4.3kg	112cm	10 box
Sturmgewehr 44 (7)	Germany	7.92mm x 33	5.1kg	94cm	30 box
M1 Garand	USA	.30-06	4.4kg	110cm	8 internal
M1 Carbine (8)	USA	.30 Carbine	2.5kg	91cm	15/30 box
SVT40 Tokarev	USSR	7.62mm 1891	3.9kg	123cm	10 box

<b>Machine gun</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Caliber</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Magazine</b>
Lahti-Saloranta	Finland	7.62mm 1891	8.6kg	118cm	20 box/75 drum
Modele 1924/29	France	7.5mm 1929	9.2kg	108cm	25 box
MG08 Maxim	Germany	7.92mm	26.4kg	118cm	250 belt
MG34	Germany	7.92mm	12.1kg	122cm	50 belt/75 drum
MG42	Germany	7.92mm	11.5kg	122cm	50 belt
Vickers Mk 1	UK	.303 SAA	18.1kg	116cm	250 belt
Bren Mk 2	UK	.303 SAA	10.2kg	115cm	30 box
Breda M37	Italy	8mm M35	19.5kg	127cm	20 strip
Type 92	Japan	7.7mm	55.3kg	116cm	30 strip
M1918A1 BAR	USA	.30-06	7.3kg	122cm	20 box
M1917A1	USA	.30-06	15.0kg	98cm	250 belt
M1919A6	USA	.30-06	14.7kg	135cm	250 belt
M2HB	USA	.50	38.2kg	165cm	110 belt
PM 1910 Maxim	USSR	7.62mm 1891	23.8kg	111cm	250 belt
DP	USSR	7.62mm 1891	9.1kg	129cm	47 drum
DShK	USSR	12.7mm 1934	35.5kg	159cm	50 belt

**Notes:**

1. The Astra 400 can fire a number of 9mm cartridges including 9mm Parabellum, 9mm Glisenti and .38 Auto Colt.
2. The SIG P210 is perhaps the most accurate service pistol ever built. It is made in the finest Swiss tradition (like their clocks).
3. The rounds must be loaded in three-round "half-moon" clips, or the ejector will not operate properly. This revolver can be loaded without the clips, but every empty case must then be removed manually.
4. On cocking, the Nagant's cylinder moves forward to meet the rear of the barrel. This mechanism was meant to eliminate velocity loss because of escaping gas. In practice, it only makes the gun more complicated and the trigger pull heavier. The Nagant also fires a unique "gas-seal" round which was never used in any other gun.
5. There were also models with built-in silencers (however, the De Lisle was only built as a silenced weapon). They were intended to be fired in single shots only, as automatic fire quickly wore out the silencers of the time. They were also a bit longer and heavier.
6. The Finnish rifles of WWII were all based on the Soviet Mosin-Nagant design. They vary mainly in sights, stocks, fittings etc. In general they were of higher quality manufacture than the Soviet rifles.
7. These weapons are capable of fully automatic fire as well as single shots. The FG42 was never issued in large numbers. It was mainly used by German paratroopers. The StG 44 was the world's first true assault rifle.
8. The M1A1 Carbine had a folding stock. The M2 Carbine was capable of fully automatic fire. Both have essentially similar dimensions than the basic M1 Carbine.