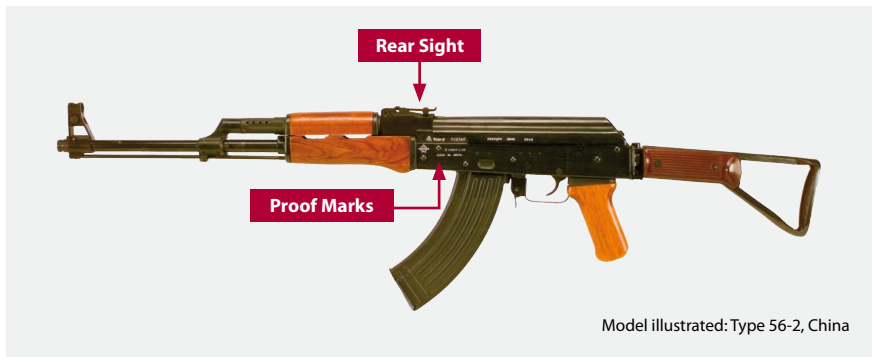


Identifying Marks

Kalashnikov-pattern weapons

The large number of very similar Kalashnikov-pattern models often makes them difficult to identify. This Weapons ID Sheet provides information on fire selector marks, proof marks, and rear sight marks, which, combined, are a useful means to identify the manufacturers of Kalashnikov-pattern weapons.



Distinguishing features

FIRE SELECTOR MARKS



Model illustrated: Misr, Egypt

The fire selector is a lever that enables the user to switch between safe (up), fully automatic (centre), and semi-automatic (down) modes of operation.

Fully	Semi	Origin
A	1	Albania
L	D	Albania
AB	ЕД	Bulgaria
连	单	China
L	D	China
آلى	فردى	Egypt
D	E	Germany (GDR)
∞	1	Hungary
ص	ف	Iraq
ЕД	ЕД	North Korea
C	P	Poland
Z	O	Poland
1	3	Romania
A	R	Romania
AB	OD	Russia
R	J	Yugoslavia

REAR SIGHT MARK CHARACTERS



Model illustrated: AKM, Russia

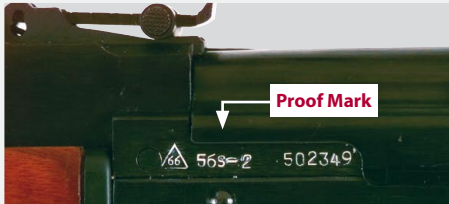
Kalashnikov-pattern weapons feature a tangent rear sight, which is marked with various distance graduations. The zero mark (at the base and closest to the sight notch) usually features a character, which differs according to manufacturer / country of manufacture.

Sight Mark	Origin
D	Albania
П	Bulgaria
D	China
N	Germany (GDR)
A	Hungary
□	North Korea
S	Poland
P	Romania
П	Russia
O	Yugoslavia

Kalashnikov-pattern weapons: Identifying Marks

Distinguishing features (continued)

PROOF MARKS



Proof marks are numerals or symbols that designate the weapon's manufacturer/ country of manufacture.

Model illustrated: Misr, Egypt

Proof Mark	Origin	Proof Mark	Origin
	Bulgaria		North Korea
she X 63	Czechoslovakia/ Czech Republic (proof; date)		North Korea
五六式	China (Type 56)		North Korea (Type 58)
56式	China (Type 56)		North Korea (Type 68)
56-1	China (Type 56-1)		Poland
56S-2	China (Type 56-2)		Romania (Cugir factory)
١٩٧٢ ٥ ١.١٢٣.٤	Egypt (date:1972; proof mark; serial number)		Russia (Izhevsk factory)
	Germany (GDR)		Russia (Izhevsk factory)
	Germany (GDR)		Russia (Molot factory)
	Germany (GDR)		Russia (Tula factory)
	Germany (GDR)	ZASTAVA-KRAGUJEVAC	Yugoslavia/Serbia (Zastava factory)
	Germany (GDR)		Yugoslavia/Serbia (Zastava factory)
	Iraq	M.70.AB2	Yugoslavia / Serbia (M70 B2 model)
تونك (عيار ٧.٦٢ × ٣٩ ملم)	Iraq (calibre; model: Tabuk; proof mark)		
	Iraq		