

US 7.62 x 51 NATO Ammunition Identification

The data below is as of 2000-08-23, courtesy Lake City Army Ammunition Plant and includes some limited issue and experimental ammunition. If you know of any others please contact me at: ffrog@commspeed.net. (John C. Schaefer)

7.62 mm NATO		
Number	Type	Identification
M59	Ball	None (Mild steel core)
M60	High pressure test	Tinned case
M61	AP	Black tip
M62	Tracer	Orange tip
M62 OHF	Tracer, Overhead fire	Red tip
M63	Dummy	Fluted case, no primer
M64	Grenade	Rosette crimp
M80	Ball	None
M80 Ball OHF,	Ball, Overhead fire	
M82	Blank	Long extruded case mouth
M118	Special Ball	No bullet canulure or crimp, some may have MATCH head stamp
M118LR	Long Range Ball	No bullet canulure or crimp, LR head stamp, open tipped bullet
M160	Frangible	Green & white tip or green tip with white primer annulus
M172	Dummy	Black case, heavily crimped bullet
M192	Blank	Rosette crimp with red wad or purple lacquer
M198	Ball, Duplex	Green tip
XM256 & XM192E1	Light Weight Ball	White tip M256 is 82 gr bullet, M256E1 is 90 gr bullet
M276	Tracer, Dim	Violet tip (green tip with pink primer annulus pre 10/94)
M852	Match	MATCH head stamp open tipped bullet, and knurling near case base
M973	Short Range Training Ammunition	Fluted bullet
M974	Short Range Training Ammunition -Tracer	Fluted bullet, red tip
M984	Saboted Light Armor Penetrator	Sharply pointed tungsten bullet in plastic sabot
M959	SLAP-Tracer	M196 5.56 mm tracer bullet in plastic sabot
XM993	AP	.32" Black tip, Berdan primer