

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND BASIC CHARACTERISTICS

RPK/M72 Light Machine Gun calibre 7,62x39 mm Mod.43

Main Characteristics: The Zastava M72 is a light infantry machine gun developed and manufactured by then Yugoslav Zastava Arms company. Generally, the M72 is almost a direct copy of the Soviet RPK light machine gun, the only visual differences being in barrel, wooden stock, no side rail mount and slightly in design of the wooden hand-guard. The Zastava M72 chambers and fires the 7,62x39mm Mod.43 rounds. It is a gas-operated, air-cooled, selective fire, shoulder-fired box magazines or drum-fed firearm with a fixed wooden stock and foldable bipod. This weapon is a near copy of the Soviet RPK light machine gun but with some mild modifications. It does not have a scope side rail mount, the butt is also different, having the shape of a regular AK-47 rifle. It has a reinforced receiver and the barrel also differs from other RPK machine guns because of the cooling fins to help with heat dissipation from the prolonged or sustained fire. The M72 only appears with a heavy profile barrel as opposed to Russian and Romanian RPK machine guns that can come in both light or heavy barrel configurations. It is a squad automatic weapon, like the Soviet RPK but has its own unique design features.



RPK/M72 Light Machine Gun Basic Tactical-Technical Characteristics	
Machine gun Type	Automatic Light Infantry Machine Gun
Machine gun Producer	Zastava Arms – Serbia (Former Yugoslavia)
Caliber/Cartridge	Standard 7,62x39mm Mod.43
Weight of weapon	5,5 kg (without magazine)
Weapon Length	1 025 mm
Barrel Length	542 mm
Magazine capacity	30 and 40 rounds box magazines, 75 rounds drum magazine
Rate of Fire	600 - 640 rounds/min (theoretical), 200 rounds/min (practical)
Muzzle velocity	745 m/s
Max. effective range	800 m

Standard Weapon Equipment & Accessories:

- Machine gun with wooden stock and folding bipod
- 4 pcs of Standard box magazines for 30 rounds
- 1 pc of Carrying weapon shoulder strap
- 1 pc of Water-proof carrying canvas bag
- 1 pc of cleaning-kit and tool-kit Carrying bag
- 1 pc of Standard cleaning kit incl. cleaning rod, brush, oilcan and rag

