

Featured Equipment: The durable Mosin-Nagant Rifle

The Mosin-Nagant Rifle was a mix of designs from the Belgian brothers Emil and Leon Nagant and the Tsarist Russian officer Sergei Mosin. It was produced as a new standard rifle for Russian infantry forces and was issued as the M1891. Like most Russian weapons throughout the century the key property of the Mosin-Nagant was its durability under the worst conditions. This was somewhat surprising as the rifle had some fairly complex design features. Foremost amongst

these was the two-piece bolt action, which actually allowed the cartridge being fired to remain free from the magazine spring pressure. Yet the gun worked well and it became the standard Russian and Soviet service rifle (although hopelessly under-produced to meet demand) and emerged in several carbine models (the World War II model was the M1981/30)

"Twentieth-Century Small Arms", by Chris McNab

For more detailed information on the Mosin-Nagant, see Wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosin-Nagant>



SWAPO guerillas on parade with AK-47's and shouldered Mosin-Nagant rifles.

Specifications

Country of Origin:	Russia/USSR
Caliber:	7.62 x 54mm
Length:	1304mm (51.25in)
Weight:	4.43kg (9.77lb)
Barrel:	802mm (31.6in)
Feed/magazine capacity:	5-round integral box magazine
Operation:	Bolt-action
Muzzle velocity:	805 m/s (2650ft/s)
Effective Range:	1000 m (3250ft)

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