

Resistance Weapons

Through the war, many attempts were made to arm resistance movements operating behind enemy lines. These could be equipped in a number of ways. Firstly resisters could be armed with standard issue weapons for their allegiance (this was particularly true if the unit was made up of stranded soldiers). Alternatively when the unit was made up predominantly of locals resisting the occupiers then weapons belonging to their occupiers would be prominent (either captured or occasionally supplied by their backers). When neither of these options was available then often locally manufactured weapons were made (often clandestinely under the occupiers noses such as the bicycle factory in Lodz making SMG barrels under the US occupation in 1997).

Known locally manufactured weapons included versions of the PPSH41, Sten and M10. Versions of the AK series are also fairly common.

International Ordinance MP2



Illustration 1: MP2 from the Small Arms School Corps collection

Designed in the 1970s as a weapon that could be mass produced for resistance movements, the MP2 was manufactured in small numbers before the war and in large numbers once the war started. Incredibly crude, it was a simplified version of one of the easiest to manufacture weapons of World War Two, the Sten.

Magazines were compatible with the Sten (but not the Stirling due to the shape of the pistol grip) and a spare magazine could be held in the front grip.

Firing at a high rate from an open bolt, it was notoriously unreliable but could be manufactured without sophisticated tools. Many were reverse engineered by resistance groups with varying degrees of sophistication (some added folding stocks for example). There are also claims that a 7.62mmT version but no examples of this have ever been found.



Illustration 2: The Sten ancestry is apparent from the recoil spring assembly of the MP2



Illustration 3: MP2 clone made in Warsaw during the siege and issued to ORMO troops. It was captured by troops of the 1 Devon & Dorsets Battlegroup and now resides in their regimental museum, Note the different (cruder) front end and lack of compensator on the barrel.

An interesting variant version existed in 9mmM that was created simply by swapping the bolt and using a different magazine (taking about a minute). This was intended for use behind Pact lines where 9mmP would be rare. Many CIA delivered versions included both bolts and two magazines for each version. Instructions were pictorial in the main with essential text in English, Polish, German and Russian (using a numbered key).

There is another variant version unofficially called the MP2S manufactured in Warsaw that incorporated a suppressor. This suppressor was intended as a disposable item that would last for approximately

one magazine (in game terms 10 + 4D10 rounds). This has a bulk of 1 higher, a damage of the listed amount -1 and a recoil of 2 less on the tables below).

The number manufactured is unknown but believed to be over 20,000 official models, at least 30,000 more models made through deniable manufacturers and an unknown number of local clones. Despite the numbers it is almost unknown other than from a brief appearance in the film “Raw Deal” where Arnold Schwarzenegger uses one with the front grip removed.

						Recoil					
		ROF	Dam	Pen	Blk	Mag	SS	Burst	Rng	Reliability	Price
MP2		10	1D8	Nil	2	30	-	10	10	Poor	\$100 (S/S)
Ammo	9mmP	Wt	1.5	Mag	30 box		Notes				

						Recoil					
		ROF	Dam	Pen	Blk	Mag	SS	Burst	Rng	Reliability	Price
MP2 (9mmM)		10	1D6	Nil	2	30	-	8	10	Poor	\$100 (S/S)
Ammo	9mmM	Wt	1.5	Mag	30 box		Notes				

S4M

A Soviet assassination weapon which was occasionally found in the hands of Chinese insurgents as a method of obtaining a better fire arm (no similar use has been recorded elsewhere).



Illustration 5: The special round showing the plunger on the fired round on the right. Note the linking clip between the two rounds required for loading. (Iranian People's Museum of War)

A simple two shot derringer it had the unique feature of being silent due to the rounds fired. It used a cut down version of the 6.62mmS round. Inside the case was a piston like plunger between the bullet and the propellant. When the round was fired the propellant would push the plunger forward pushing the round down the barrel and sealing the end of the case.

This sealing combined with the low velocity of the round resulted in a completely silent pistol at the expense of very poor accuracy outside point blank range (in game terms anything over close range up to four times the range is treated as extreme range). The rifling on the barrel was specially designed to cause confusion as it was designed to mimic the ballistic appearance of an AK47 fired from a distance of about 100m.

The S4M was unknown in the West until one was recovered from a Soviet KGB assassin in Iran in March 1997. The target was a pro-Western mullah who fortunately for him had a very attentive bodyguard. The very few surviving examples will be unusable as the specially manufactured. The only known captured example is this one.



Illustration 4: The only known surviving S4M outside China (Iranian People's Museum of War)

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		ROF	Dam	Pen	Blk	Mag	SS	Burst	Rng	Reliability	Price
S4M		SA	1D6	Nil	0	2	2	-	8*	Poor	\$-- (-/-)
Ammo	7.62 mmSil	Wt	0.25	Mag	30 box		Notes	Over close range treat as extreme range up to 32.			

Wojo Arms SMG 1999

Sometimes known as the Bipowtarzają w koło sklep działa (Bicycle Shop Gun).

Designed by Captain Gregor Kudlaty of the Polish Army in 1997 during the Siege of Warsaw in an attempt to create a weapon that could be issued to ORMO units to provide short range firepower. Prototypes were made but by this point the siege was broken. Captain Kudlaty kept the designs however believing it had promise as technology slowly died. Isolated from his unit and wounded he concluded that his war was over in mid 1999 and he made his way home to Krakow. It was not until early October 1999 that he arrived, just before the city declared independence. In the aftermath of this he presented his design to the Rada who saw the value of such a design now external support would be limited. He was introduced to Henryk Rapacki who suggested modifying the weapon to accept PPSH43 magazines. This was done and the bicycle plant changed some of its production over to this new weapon. Guz Stanislav has taken an interest in this as it has impacted on his black market arms business but as he has no plans to build new weapons has done nothing to stop this production yet.



Illustration 6: Wojo SMG 1999 examples from the US Army Small Arms Collection. the version at the top appears to have been modified post production to include a foregrip and has had the stock removed.



Captain Kudlaty is a short, quiet, bespectacled man in his early 30s. He is an experienced NPC who speaks Polish, English (3) and Russian (3). He is a very quiet character at home solving intellectual puzzles. Given a problem he will focus completely on it until he has solved it. He has an intense dislike of the British and Soviets after the siege of Warsaw. who still lives in his flat in Krakow tinkering with new designs on behalf of the Wojo firm although at Rapacki's insistence he keeps a low profile (Rapacki is worried that the Guz might kidnap him for his knowledge of firearms design or even assassinate him). He occasionally visits the Na Zadrowie bar for a quiet drink and to enjoy Tanya's singing. He habitually carries a PA64 pistol.

							Recoil				
		ROF	Dam	Pen	Blk	Mag	SS	Burst	Rng	Reliability	Price
Wojo SMG 1999		5	1D6	Nil	1/2	2	2	6	12	Poor	\$200 (-/R) C in Krakow area
Ammo	7.62 mmT	Wt	1.75	Mag	35 box	Notes					