

Marks applied to Eastern European, former-USSR and Chinese weapons

I. Fire selector marks (Kalashnikov-pattern weapons)

Central	Lower	Origin
A ¹	1	Albania
L ²	D	Albania
AB	ЕД	Bulgaria
连 ³	单 ⁴	China
L ⁵	D ⁶	China
آف ⁷	فردى ⁸	Egypt
AB	ОД	Egypt (Russian receiver) ⁹
D	E	Germany (GDR)
∞	1	Hungary
ص ¹⁰	م ¹¹	Iraq
ㄸ ¹²	ㄸ ¹³	North Korea
C	P	Poland

¹ Annotation on an Albanian AKM.

² Chinese annotation appears on Albanian manufactured Type 56 (early) rifles.

³ *Liàn*, translates literally as a 'chain' or to 'join' or 'link successively'.

⁴ *Dán*, translates literally as 'single' or 'only'.

⁵ L represents English phonetic rendering of *Liàn*.

⁶ D represents English phonetic rendering of *Dán*.

⁷ Aaly in English phonetic rendering. Translates literally as 'automatic' or 'mechanical.'

⁸ Fardi in English phonetic rendering. Translates literally as 'single'.

⁹ Some Egyptian models were manufactured in Russia and feature Russian fire-selector marks.

¹⁰ *Sahd* in English.

¹¹ Arabic letter *meem*. Possibly stands for Mufrad (derivative of root noun Fardi), which means 'single'

¹² Literal translation of Chinese *Liàn*.




















¹³ Literal translation of Chinese *Dàn*.

Central	Lower	Origin
Z	O	Poland ¹⁴
1	3	Romania ¹⁵
A	R	Romania
AB	OA	Russia
R	J	Yugoslavia

¹⁴ Annotation on an AKS-74U-pattern weapon.

¹⁵ Markings on AK-74-pattern weapons.

II. Factory and associated marks (various weapons)

Factory mark	Origin
	Bulgaria
she X 63	Czechoslovakia / Czech Republic (proof; date)
 五六式 ¹⁶	China (Type 56 model)
 56式	China (Type 56 model)
 56-1	China (Type 56-1 model)
 56S-2	China (Type 56-2 model)
١٩٧٢ Ø ١.١٢٣.٤	Egypt (date:1972; proof mark; serial number)
	Germany (GDR)
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	Germany (GDR)
	Iraq
١٧ تيوك  عيار ٧,٦٢ x ٣٩ ملم	Iraq (calibre; model: Tabuk; proof mark)
	Iraq ¹⁸
	North Korea
	North Korea
 58 	North Korea (Type 58 model)
 68년산	North Korea (Type 68 model)
	Poland

¹⁶ Translates literally as '5' '6' 'Type'.

¹⁷ From right to left, Arabic script reads: 'Tabuk' [proof mark] 'Calibre 7.62 x39 mm.'

¹⁸ Importation / Iraqi security force mark in use before 2003.

Factory mark	Origin
	Romania (Cugir factory) ¹⁹
	Russia (Izhevsk factory)
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	Russia (Molot factory)
	Russia (Tula factory)
ZASTAVA-KRAGUJEVAC	Yugoslavia / Serbia (Zastava factory)
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M.70.AB2	Yugoslavia / Serbia (M70 B2 model)

¹⁹ Latterly Romarm

III. Rear sight marks (Kalashnikov-pattern weapons)

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