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NDM-86 Dragunov & 84S AK-47 Rifles



This Type 84S AK-47 rifle in .223 caliber will fire the new U.S. M855 military ammunition.

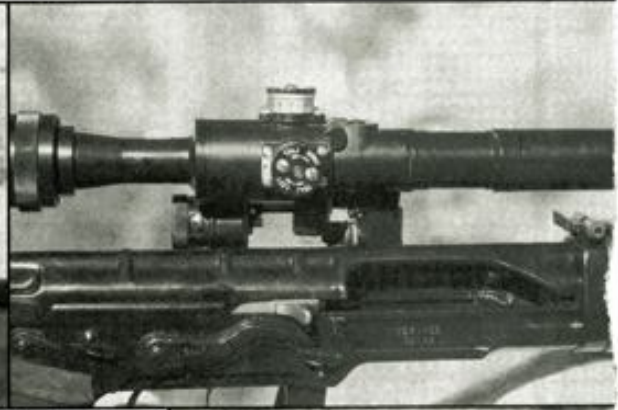
PRC-made Soviet 7.62 x 54 sniper rifle, fiberglass-stock .223 AK-47 rifle. . .

By Jim Benson

THE Soviet 7.62 X 54mm R SVD or Dragunov sniper rifle was used by communist forces during the Vietnam War and has been in service since then with Soviet and other communist armed forces.

China North Industries Corporation (Norinco) of the People's Republic of China produces its own version of the Dragunov and distributes it in the United States through China Sports, Inc., of Santa Fe Springs, California.

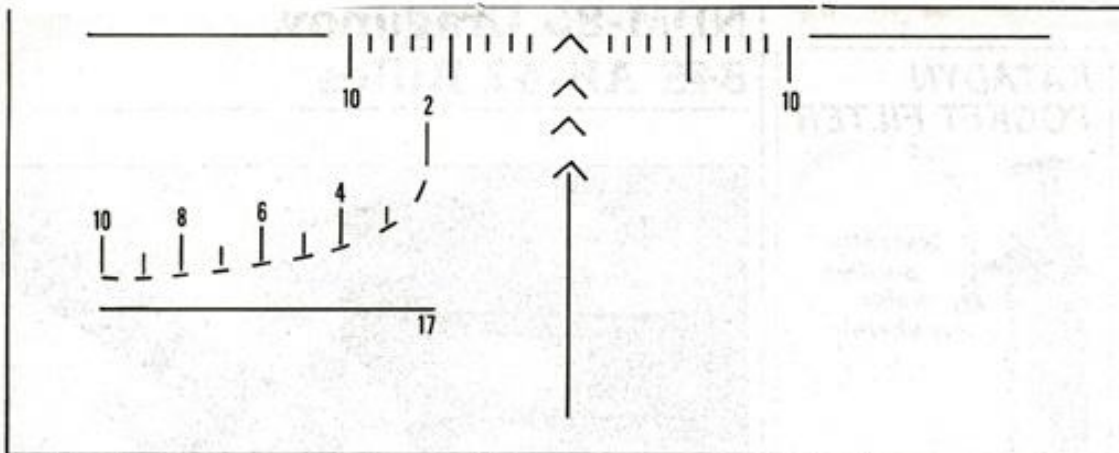
The Norinco Dragunov is a faithful copy of the original Soviet weapon, including the PSO-1 4-power scope that comes with the rifle which has lighted reticle and infrared detection capabilities.



The 4 X sniper scope that comes with the Dragunov has a lighted reticle for low light conditions and infrared detection capabilities. It has a machined mount attached to it that slides onto and locks down on an integral scope mount rail on the left side of the receiver.

The norinco Type NDM-86 Dragunov SVD sniper rifle is capable of outstanding accuracy. Note the two sets of touching hits in this group fired from 100 yards by a shooter unfamiliar with the rifle.





This is the reticle and range finder one sees when looking through the Dragunov scope. The range finder (at left) is designed to give the range of a target 5-feet 7 inches high from between 200 and 1,000 meters distant. Aiming point is the top chevron on the reticle.

The Norinco Type NDM-86 Dragunov rifle, which the ASG staff test fired with surplus 7.62 X 54mm R military ammunition from the PRC comes complete with scope and fitted, locking case that carries five 10-round magazines, other spare parts, sight adjusting and repair tools, and cleaning kit.

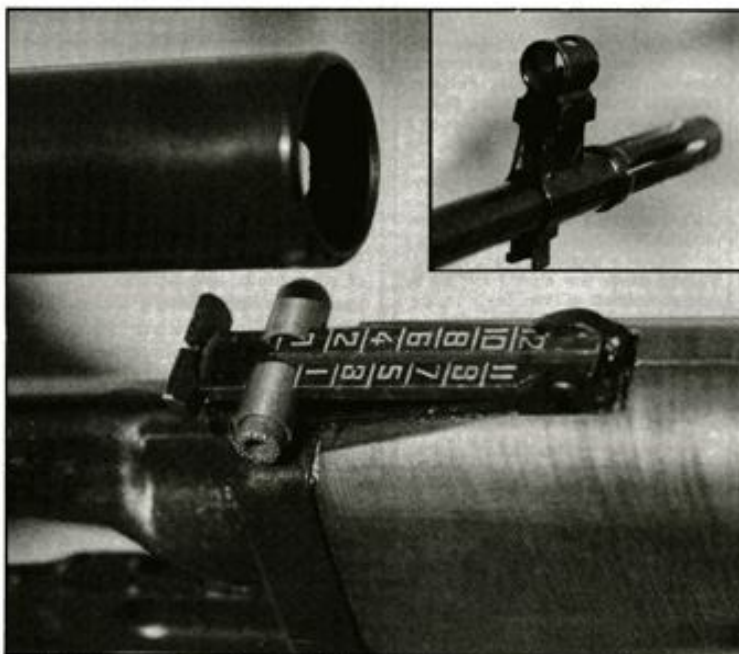
The scope is adjusted for elevation and windage by click adjustable knobs on its top and right side. The range of the target is determined, after the scope is zeroed for 200 meters, by placing the target in the scope's military type range finder, checking for distance from 200 to 1,000 meters and then turning the elevation knob on top of the scope.

The scope is equipped with a switch that lights up the reticle for use in low light conditions as well as with an infrared detection switch that flips up an infrared filter permitting the user to pick up infrared light sources. A rubber eye piece prevents side light from obscuring the sight picture and makes sighting through the scope easier in low light conditions.

The scope has a machined mount attached to it that slides onto and locks down on an integral mount rail on the left side of the receiver. Standard AK-type iron sights can be used when the scope is removed.

The receiver is machined steel and the steel barrel has a hard chromed bore. The Dragunov's stock is laminated wood. There is no bipod for the rifle. The Russians use improvised rests for the weapon and a bipod would make shooting it a high profile operation.

The Dragunov has an action closely resembling that of the AK family of

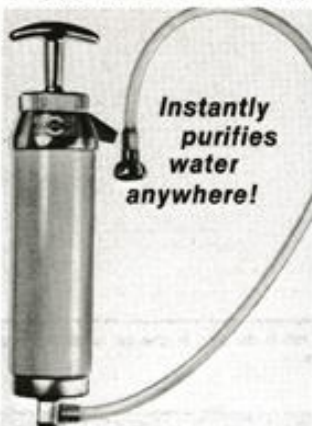


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The powerful 7.62 x 54mm Russian cartridge fired in the Dragunov is comparable to the .30-06 round.

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The butt stock and fore end are laminated wood.

rifles. It fires the powerful 7.62 X 54 mm R cartridge — comparable to the .30-06 round — semiautomatically and is gas operated.

Overall length is 48.2 inches. Barrel length is 24 inches. Weight is 9.5 pounds empty.

While we did not have the opportunity to test fire this rifle at long ranges, our test shooting at targets 100 yards distant using an improvised rest revealed that the NDM-86 is capable of contiguous hits at this range. We found this impressive given our relative unfamiliarity with the weapon and limited time and ammunition to work with it. I'm convinced that with practice I could be shooting one-hole groups at 100 yards.

Norinco bills this rifle as being "easily capable of minute-of-angle accuracy under the most demanding conditions." We now see why they make this statement.

While we did not extensively test fire this weapon, we fired numerous 10-round magazines full of ammunition through it without any malfunctions.

This was our first opportunity to try out the Dragunov and we were pleased to shoot such a fine weapon, although we found the recoil considerable when

firing the 7.62 X 54mm rimmed Russian cartridge.

Suggested retail for the NDM-86, including scope, carrying case, spare parts, etc., is a hefty \$3,900, but this should be weighed against the rifle's accuracy and functional reliability.

Type 84S AK-47 — The Norinco Type 84S AK rifle in .223 caliber provides the shooter with the capability of using the new U.S. military M855 (Belgian SS109) round in a weapon of the proven AK design that is also equipped with a fiberglass stock that is longer than the usual AK stocks, making it more comfortable to use for taller people with longer arms. The buttstock is 1½ inches longer than the standard AK buttstock.

Finish for stock, barrel and receiver is matte black. The 84S has standard adjustable AK-47 sights. Overall length is about 37 inches. Barrel length is 16.34 inches. Barrel bore is hard chromed. This rifle, like the Dragunov and other AKs, has positive "click down" safety lever on the right side of the receiver below and to the rear of the ejection port. Weight is 8 pounds, 1.5 ounces empty (without magazine).

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The matte black fiberglass butt stock and fore end of the 84S rifle.

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The rifle comes with green web sling, bayonet and sheath, three 30-round magazines and cleaning kit stored in the butt stock (a small disc in the butt is pushed to pop out the cleaning kit) with a suggested price of \$389.

We test fired the Type 84S with more than 100 rounds of Norinco's 55-grain full metal jacketed, non-corrosive .223 ammunition and found that it worked excellently.

We experienced no jams or other malfunctions and the sights, factory zeroed, needed no adjustment. We were blowing up bottles and knocking over beer and soda cans set up 100 yards away while firing the rifle from the shoulder without a rest.

We found the 84S fires loudly. In fact, we thought we were firing a .308 rifle at first and double checked our ammunition to make sure it was actu-

ally .223 caliber. This had no effect on function or accuracy, however, and recoil is typically moderate for the .223 caliber of weapon. In rapid fire or slow aimed fire this is one fine rifle!

The Type 84S is a well made, accurate and reliable weapon and is easier to handle and sight with for those people with longer arms. It is just as comfortable to handle for smaller statured shooters as well.

For more information on these and other firearms and ammunition available from Norinco, see your gun dealer or contact China Sports, Inc., Dept. ASG, P. O. Box 25666, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670; (213) 942-2383. •



The Type 84S .223 AK-47 rifle has a butt stock that is 1½-inches longer than the standard AK butt stock.



The 84S flash suppressor.



Cleaning gear is stored in the butt of the Type 84S.