

## PRODUCT REVIEW

# M72 LAW

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## ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADE LAUNCHER



The American M72 LAW (c. 1963) is much improved variant of the Panzerfaust developed in Germany during WWII as a single use anti-tank grenade launcher.

effective range (thanks in part to the vastly improved sights).

The M72 was originally developed as an anti-tank weapon using single-stage HEAT warheads, but as tank

the lighter armor on top by firing down from a vantage point like a building or cliff.

Dedicated anti-personnel rounds and anti-structure variants have been developed

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The M72 LAW is the best single use light anti-armor grenade launcher due to its reliability, simplicity and ease of use, thus is ideal for militia use.

### RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

#### Handbook

FM 3-23.35 Shoulder-Launched Munitions.  
[US Army]

#### Log Book

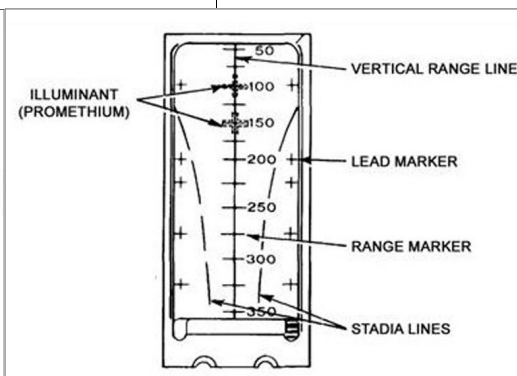
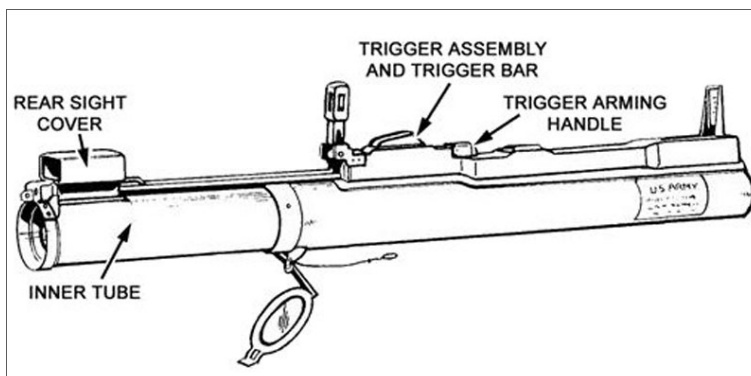
Firearm Usage & Maintenance Log Book.  
[Blackheart International]

#### Ear Plugs

EarPro EP3 or EP4 Sonic Defenders.  
[SureFire]

### KEY SPECIFICATIONS

Weight: 2.3 to 3.6 kg (5.1 to 8 lbs)  
Unarmed Length: 630 to 775 mm  
Armed Length: 881 to 980 mm  
Grenade Velocity: 145 to 200 m/s  
Effective Range: 200 m



Whereas Panzerfaust grenades were propelled solely by a gunpowder charge that was burned up within the launching tube, the M72 has a solid fuel rocket which greatly increases the velocity and

armor has greatly improved since the early 1960s it is much less likely that it could be used to successfully stop a main battle tank, though it could disable such a tank by hitting a vulnerable point like a track or

that make them very useful in urban combat.

Copies of the M72 have been produced by a number of nations, notably Russia in the form of the RPG-18, RPG-22 and RPG-26.

### HOT TIP

Moving vehicles are best engaged within 100 meters to ensure a high hit probability.