

## WEAPON GUIDE

# UZI

SMALL ARMS REVIEW TEAM

### SUBMACHINE GUN (9x19MM)



Uzi with 25 round magazine.

Uziel Gal's Uzi (c. 1954) is the best open bolt SMG due to its unmatched combination of reliability, durability, compactness and ergonomics.

Millions of Uzis have been manufactured by a range of companies, notably Israeli Military Industries and FN Herstal since it was adopted by the Israeli Army in 1954.

The magazine is housed within the pistol grip, allowing for intuitive and easy reloading in dark or difficult conditions, under the principle of "hand finds hand", as with most self-loading handguns.

Although not as accurate a closed bolt SMGs like the



MP5, its simpler design is easier to manufacture and has fewer parts to fail. Closed bolt semi-automatic variants have also been produced in small quantities, with mixed results.

The smaller Mini Uzi and Micro Uzi variants are lighter but have a higher rate of fire so are less controllable in fully automatic fire.

A silencer (sound suppressor) can be fitted to a threaded

barrel, which is best used with subsonic ammunition.

Armor piercing rounds like the VBR-Belgium AP 6.3 and 7N31 are best as their bullets better penetrate barriers at close range than the higher velocity 5.56mm and 5.45mm bullets used in assault rifles like the M4 and AK-74 that readily tumble/fragment (steel core 7.62mm rifle bullets are much better again).

### AIMPOINT MICRO H-1



A small red dot sight (RDS) like the Aimpoint Micro H-1 is ideal for use on AK type rifles for general use. The CR2032 watch battery provides 50,000 hours (over five years) of continuous use on setting 8 (best left on so it is always ready to use).

The best way to attach the H-1 to a Uzi is via a Picatinny rail like the one fitted to the Uzi Top Cover Rail (Practical Solutions) and the Uzi Scope Mount (StormWerkz). The later must be fitted to a Uzi top cover via the provided bolts (the rail must be drilled).

### RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

#### Log Book

Firearm Usage & Maintenance Log Book. [Blackheart International]

#### Armorer's Manual

Uzi Operator/armorers' Manual. [Apex Gun Parts]

#### Cleaning Kit

IDF Uzi Cleaning Kit. [surplus stores]

#### Firearm CLP

Beak Free CLP. [Safariland]

#### Rear Sight Tool

Uzi Front Sight Tool. [Sarco, Inc.]

#### Dry Fire Rounds

A-Zoom Snap Caps. [Lyman Products Corp.]

#### Bayonet Lug Rail Mount

TUZ Uzi Bayonet Lug Rail Mount. [TDI Arms]

#### Sling

Israeli Army Uzi Sling (late variant with clips and elastic clip covers). [surplus stores]

#### Ear Plugs

EarPro EP3 or EP4. [SureFire]

### SPECIFICATIONS

Weight: 2.54 kg (5.6 lb)

Ext. Length: 68 mm (48.2in)

Coll. Length: 470 mm (18.5 in)

Barrel Length: 26 cm (10.2 in)

Action: blowback (open bolt)

Magazine Capacity: 25/32

### HOT TIP

Training magazines can suffer metal fatigue to their springs so don't use them for combat.