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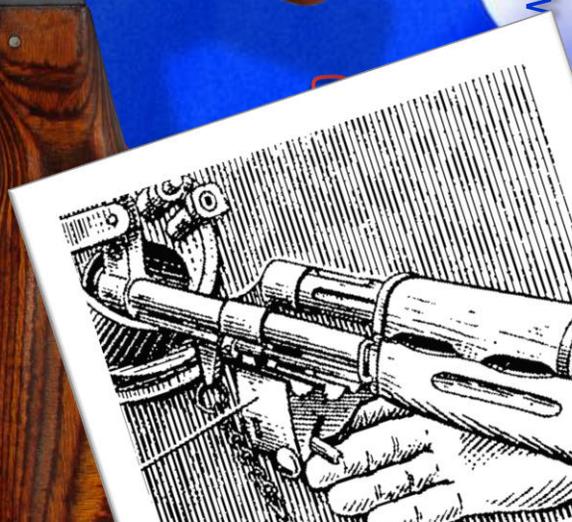
# THE NEW KALASHNIKOV ENCYCLOPAEDIA

What you need to know about the new Kalashnikov Encyclopaedia:

- \* Acceptable price for the entire set of three books as the books are published on the basis of the results of technical and historical scientific research. The sole purpose is to share knowledge about the Kalashnikov assault rifle series with collectors, target shooters, hunters but also to professional weapon forensic law enforcement agencies and military service agencies;
- \* Personal foreword from Dr. General Mikhail Kalashnikov especially written for the new edition in 2013 signed with his original signature, assumably Dr. Kalashnikov's last foreword;
- \* Travelogue with several unique photographs of Martin Velthuizen who visited Dr. General Mikhail Kalashnikov in January 2013 to hand over the first edition of the Kalashnikov Encyclopaedia;
- \* The new Kalashnikov Encyclopaedia consists of 3 books namely:  
Book 1 Albania – Israel / Book 2 Italy – Russia / Book 3 Serbia – Vietnam;
- \* All AK based military, hunting, target shooting rifles and shotguns and look-a-likes have been included, also the pre and post ban AK based sporter rifles and pistols from the United States;
- \* Many unique (full page) photographs also details, for example: Dutch Galil MN-1, MD1993, North Korean AKM with UBGL, Polish sporter rifles, Pakistan shotguns, Indian Insas, IMI Magal, East German Speger, Tabuk assault rifle, M77LMG, Sartix E.L.94 also derivatives like SIG series and Beretta AR series, Valmet M82, derivatives like FNC76 and FNC80, Bulgarian AKKM and Dragunov,... just to mention a few;
- \* Many cross references between the weapon descriptions;
- \* More than 3,800 pages in full color with approximately 5,700 photographs divided over more than 2,050 weapon descriptions;
- \* The books have a larger size namely 170 x 240mm and better paper quality (semi gloss);
- \* All books (1,2, and 3) are bounded and each book standard comes with a book ribbon;
- \* Classification of each weapon by using the Kalashnikov classification flowchart and related reference list;
- \* Each weapon included comes with a data table and description;
- \* The new edition comes with the new and the original foreword of the first edition;
- \* In many cases the information came from direct sources like legally recognized small arms trading agencies and the small arms industry as well as several government sources.

# The second edition of the Kalashnikov Encyclopaedia, a brief history

In 2011 the first edition of the Kalashnikov Encyclopaedia was introduced. The first edition was sold in limited numbers and introduced as a special interest publication. The first edition consists of two books. The books were mainly sold in the Netherlands and Belgium. A few were sold in France. Later on a website was started to get the books under further international attention. The author Cor Roodhorst began his studies on the Kalashnikov by simply gathering all kinds of information available on the Kalashnikov assault rifle. After realizing the information was best to be structured by country the first analyses were made. Next to the information about the Kalashnikov assault rifle also photographic material played an important role in studying the weapon. Roodhorst started with this by the end of 1990s. At that time Roodhorst had no intention at all to write a book about the Kalashnikov assault rifle. The idea to start the project came from the desire to have one during his study about the AK. Such a book was not available and Roodhorst decided to write one, the new second edition is now available.



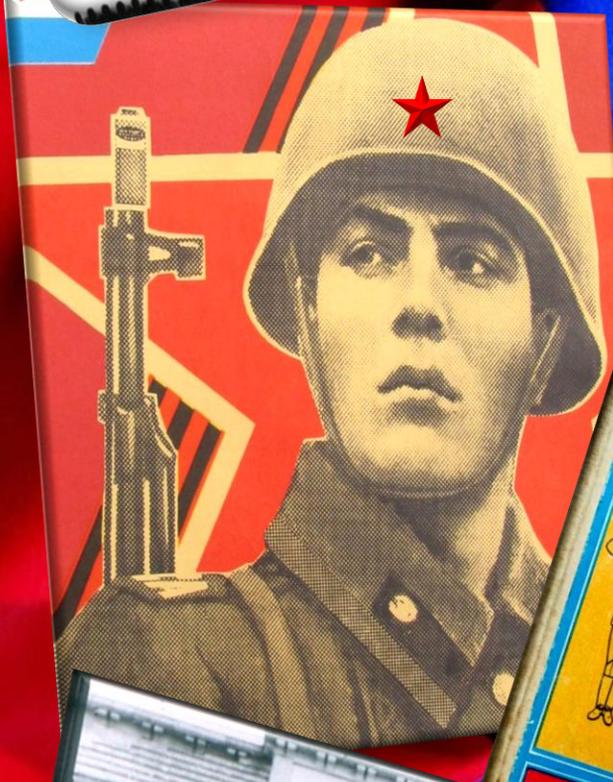
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# The Kalashnikov Encyclopaedia



Though the Kalashnikov assault rifle became a symbol of rebellion and repression it is often forgotten that the inventor Mikhail Timofeyevich Kalashnikov designed the weapon to defend its motherland. Mikhail Kalashnikov learned his lessons regarding effectiveness of modern military weapons by his own experience during World War II. He succeeded in incorporating both tactical and technical characteristics. The AK became immense popular for its simplicity, robustness, reliability, cheapness and last but not least for its great performance. The AK was and still is copied by many countries. There are no accurate figures about how many Kalashnikov based weapons were made and how many are still being made. Conservative estimations learn that there are probably more than 150 million Kalashnikov assault rifles diffused world wide. Among these are direct copies of the Russian originals but also a wide collection of derivatives. After the Cold War the number of countries producing Kalashnikov related weapons grew. It is by far the most-manufactured assault rifle in history. The books answer the need for those who require a practical and readily-portable book of information for an easy and quick identification of Kalashnikov fire arms. In this book the Kalashnikov Classification Flowchart is presented. With this methodology it is determined for every individual fire arm in this book how it is related with one of the original Kalashnikov designs. This book not only covers Russian and former Warsaw Pact Kalashnikov based weapons it also covers many Western small arms based on the Kalashnikov system. Also many Kalashnikov look-a-like weapons, shooting sports and hunting weapons can be found in this book.





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**Martin Velthuisen, a personal friend of both late Mikhail Timofeyevich Kalashnikov and the author Cor Roodhorst, handed over the first edition of the Kalashnikov Encyclopaedia to Dr. Lieutenant-general Kalashnikov in January 2013.**



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# About the author

The author of the Kalashnikov Encyclopaedia Cor Roodhorst was born in the Netherlands. He was already interested in military science at an early age. The end of the Cold War made that the Dutch conscription was suspended but he kept his interest in the Dutch army. He likes to listen to the men who served for the Netherlands in several conflict regions including the Dutch defense during the Second World War. One theme always comes back in every story namely, training and reliability of the weapon system. During his studies business economics at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam he learned that winning strategies are not only about the quality of the strategy itself but also about the power to operationalize the strategy. During his studies he got college of the Russian economist Stanislav Menshikov with whom he liked to discuss international geo-political matters. His paper was about a presumable standardization / innovation trade off concerning the small arms industry during the Second World War. During his research he learned about the suffering of the Russians but also the tremendous performance of Russia to boost the industrial power of the country to turn the course of the war in favor of Russia. This all together made that he became interested in the Russian approach how to translate strategy into operations, at first only during the Cold War period later on also during the current post Cold War period. It appeared that that was the first step in realizing the Kalashnikov Encyclopaedia.

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Research started in 2001. The goal was to include both original Kalashnikov weapons and derivaties as well, in 2011 the first edition became available, in 2015 the second edition!

