

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

### I. Fire selector marks (Kalashnikov-pattern weapons)

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

<sup>1</sup> Annotation on an Albanian AKM.

<sup>2</sup> Chinese annotation appears on Albanian manufactured Type 56 (early) rifles.

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

<sup>4</sup> *Dán*, translates literally as 'single' or 'only'.

<sup>5</sup> L represents English phonetic rendering of *Liàn*.

<sup>6</sup> D represents English phonetic rendering of *Dán*.

<sup>7</sup> Aaly in English phonetic rendering. Translates literally as 'automatic' or 'mechanical.'

<sup>8</sup> Fardi in English phonetic rendering. Translates literally as 'single'.

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

<sup>10</sup> *Sahd* in English.

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

<sup>12</sup> Literal translation of Chinese *Liàn*.

<sup>13</sup> Literal translation of Chinese *Dàn*.




















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

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<sup>14</sup> Annotation on an AKS-74U-pattern weapon.

<sup>15</sup> 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 <sup>16</sup>	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 <sup>18</sup>
	North Korea
	North Korea
 58 	North Korea (Type 58 model)
 68년산	North Korea (Type 68 model)
	Poland

<sup>16</sup> Translates literally as '5' '6' 'Type'.

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

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

**Factory mark****Origin**Romania (Cugir factory)<sup>19</sup>

Russia (Izhevsk factory)



Russia (Izhevsk factory)



Russia (Molot factory)



Russia (Tula factory)

ZASTAVA-KRAGUJEVAC

Yugoslavia / Serbia (Zastava factory)



Yugoslavia / Serbia (Zastava factory)

M.70.AB2

Yugoslavia / Serbia (M70 B2 model)

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<sup>19</sup> 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