

Small Arms—Crew Served Weapons

INVESTMENT COMPONENT

Modernization

Recapitalization

Maintenance



MISSION

To enable warfighters and small units to engage targets with lethal fire to defeat or deter adversaries.

DESCRIPTION

The M240B machine gun is the ground version of the original M240 machine gun. The M240H is used as a defensive armament for the UH-60 Black Hawk and CH-47 Chinook. A lighter weight M240L has been Type Classified for low-rate production, and will replace the M240B in Special Forces/Ranger, Light Infantry, and Airborne dismounted units.

The M249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW) is a lightweight, gas-operated, one-man-portable automatic weapon that delivers substantial, effective fire at ranges out to 1,000 meters. Improved bipods, improved collapsible buttstocks, lightweight ground mounts, and improved combat optics have increased the combat effectiveness of this weapon.

The M2 is a .50 caliber, belt-fed, recoil-operated, air-cooled machine gun. The M2 is capable of single-

shot and automatic fire and provides suppressive fire for offensive and defensive purposes against personnel and vehicular targets out to a maximum range of 2,000 yards. It is used primarily for vehicle mounted applications, but can also be tripod mounted for static defensive operations.

The MK19, Mod 3 Grenade Machine Gun is self-powered and air-cooled. It engages point targets up to 1,500 meters and provides suppressive fires up to 2,200 meters. It can be mounted on various tracked and wheeled vehicles, and on the M3 tripod for static defensive operations.

SYSTEM INTERDEPENDENCIES

None

PROGRAM STATUS

- **Current:** M240B/H in production and fielding
- **Current:** M240L Initial production phase
- **Current:** M249 in production and fielding
- **Current:** M2 in production and fielding

- **Current:** MK19 in Production and Fielding

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

- **FY09:** Continue M240 machine gun production and fielding
- **FY09:** Continue MK19 production and fielding
- **FY09:** Continue M240B Production and fielding; Release Solicitation for a new competitive indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract
- **FY09:** Continue M240H production and fielding
- **FY09:** Award M240L low-rate production contract for initial fielding quantities
- **FY09:** Continue M249 production and fielding; release solicitation for a new competitive Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity contract
- **FY09:** Continue M2 production and fielding; award new competitive indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts
- **FY09:** Continue MK19 production and fielding; conduct first article tests under the recently awarded indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts

ACQUISITION PHASE

Technology Development

Engineering & Manufacturing Development

Production & Deployment

Operations & Support

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FOREIGN MILITARY SALES

M240B Machine Gun: Romania, Afghanistan, Iraq, Panama, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Colombia, and Kenya
M249 SAW: Afghanistan, Colombia, Iraq
MK19 Grenade Machine Gun: Canada, Colombia, Djibouti, Hungary, Lebanon, and Poland
M2: Poland

CONTRACTORS

M249 SAW:
 Fabrique National Manufacturing, LLC
 (Columbia, SC)
M240B Machine Gun:
 Fabrique National Manufacturing, LLC
 (Columbia, SC)
MK19 Grenade Machine Gun:
 General Dynamics Armament and
 Technical Products (GDATP) Division
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 Alliant Techsystems, Inc. (Mesa, AZ)

