



# U.S. Navy Small Arms Ammunition Advancements

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**7.62MM Special Ball, Long Range  
MK 316 MOD 0  
DODIC: AB39  
NSN: 1305-01-567-6944**



# 7.62MM Special Ball, Long Range

## Shortfall

- Accuracy inconsistencies in the M118LR cartridge were identified
- Joint working group failed to correct deficiencies

## Objective

- NSWC Crane tasked to develop a cartridge to better meet user requirements
  - Consistent lot to lot accuracy (Minute of Angle (MOA))
  - Function in new and existing gas operated sniper weapons



MK 11 MOD 2



MK 17 Sniper Support Rifle (prototype)

# 7.62MM Special Ball, Long Range


## Objective (continued)


 Flash reduction

## Specification Development


 Accuracy requirement based around

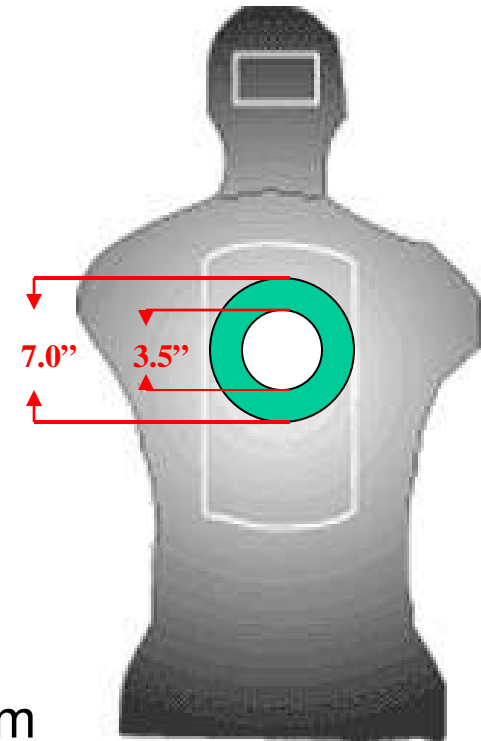
10 round shot groups

 7.0 in extreme spread max avg @ 600 yds  
(1<sup>st</sup> Production Lot)

 3.5 in extreme spread max avg @ 300 yds  
(after 1<sup>st</sup> Production Lot)

 Velocity standard deviation 15 fps maximum

 A lower value equates to less vertical extreme spread at long range



# 7.62MM Special Ball, Long Range

## Specification Development (continued)

- Flash reduced and temperature stable propellant
  - Comparable performance -25 F to +165 F
- Each production lot consists of a single lot of projectiles, cases, propellant, and primers
  - Ensures consistency across lots



Accuracy Test Equipment

## Solicitation for Contract

- Full and open competition
- Projectile open to weights of 150 to 200 grain
- Product bid samples tested for:
  - Accuracy, Pressure, Velocity, etc

# 7.62MM Special Ball, Long Range Development



- Desired performance requirements communicated:
  - Accuracy, accuracy, accuracy...
  - Function & casualty and muzzle flash requirements in both bolt action and semi-automatic rifles
  - Extreme temperature stability
  - Supersonic past 1,000 yards, etc.
- Federal Cartridge has over 25 years experience with Gold Medal brand of match ammunition



MK 316 – 7.62MM Special Ball,  
Long Range

# 7.62MM Special Ball, Long Range Development



## Cartridge Case:

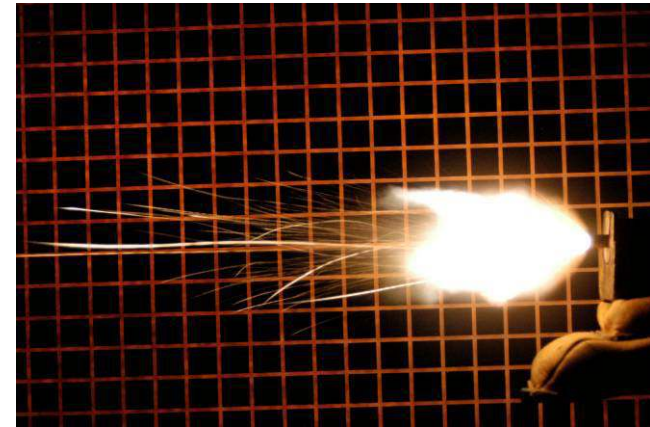
- Developed a new, 7.62mm Match Cartridge case from our experience with 308 Win. Gold Medal match cartridge

## Primer:

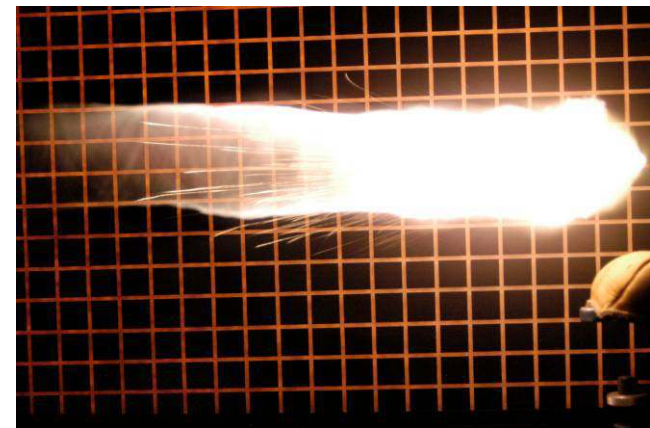
- Federal Cartridge Company's Gold Medal Match Primer was selected

## Projectile:

- Over 15 different projectile designs were tested
- Sierra MatchKing, 30 caliber – 175 grain projectile was selected



FCC Gold Medal Match Primer Assembly (Lead Styphnate based)



Other Match Primer Assembly (Excessive Flame from Over-Pressure from PETN)

# *7.62MM Special Ball, Long Range Development*



## Propellant







- Over 20 different existing propellants and new propellant blends were evaluated
- A modified extruded propellant was utilized

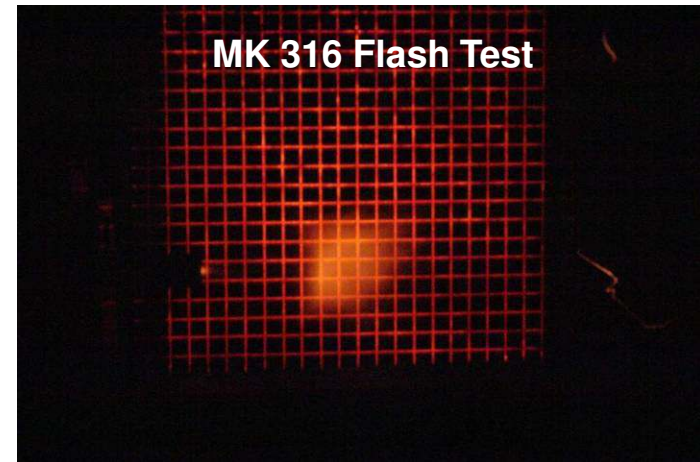
## Manufacturing Process:

- Cartridge can be assembled on conventional high speed loading equipment
- Unique quality controls and test plan were established for manufacturing this cartridge

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## Results

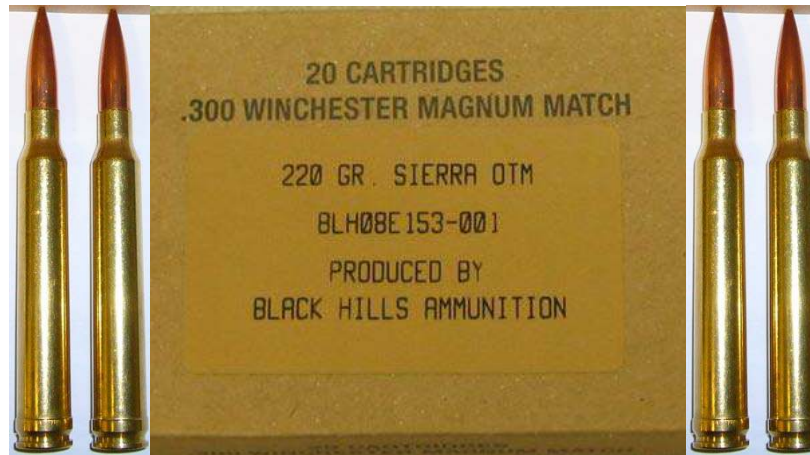
-  Contract award to FCC
-  175 grain Sierra MatchKing® Projectile
-  Propellant stable across operational temps
  -  -25 F to +165 F
-  Reduced flash propellant
-  Performance consistency



### MK 316 New Production Lot Acceptance Results

LOT #	600 Yard Accuracy (in)	300 Yard Accuracy (in)	Velocity Std Dev (fps)
FCC09A750-001	4.8		11
FCC09B750-002		1.612	15
FCC09B750-006		1.833	14
FCC09C750-007		1.859	13
FCC09C750-008		1.721	13

**.300 Winchester Magnum Match  
Product Improvement (PIP)  
MK 248 MOD 1  
DODIC: AB43  
NSN: 1305-01-568-7504**



# .300 Win Mag PIP

## New Requirement









- The current 190 gr. .300 Win Mag cartridge, DODIC A191, has a published effective range of 1200 yds (1100 m).
- New requirement established a 1500 yds (1370 m) effective range
- Initial tasking was to develop a 250 gr. .338 Lapua Magnum cartridge.

## Objective

- Extend effective range from 1200 yds to 1500 yds (1370 m)
- Decrease the effect of wind drift on the projectile
- Flash reduced and temperature stable propellant -25 F to +165 F

# .300 Win Mag PIP

## RDT&E

-  Research indicated that objectives could be met with .300 Win Mag
-  Obtained prototypes
  -  210 gr. Sierra MatchKing® VLD .300 Win Mag
  -  220 gr. Sierra MatchKing® .300 Win Mag
  -  250 gr. Scenar .338 Lapua Mag
  -  250 gr. Sierra MatchKing® .338 Lapua Mag
  -  300 gr. Sierra MatchKing® .338 Lapua Mag
-  Pressure, velocity, and 1000 yd accuracy testing conducted

# .300 Win Mag PIP

## RDT&E (continued)

### Results

#### Accuracy

 All rounds performed similarly with exception of the 300 gr. .338 Lapua Mag.

#### Velocity

 Comparable velocity retention between 250 gr. .338 Lapua Mag and 210/220 gr. .300 Win Mag

Mean Values	.300 Win Mag			.338 Lapua Mag		
	190 gr. Sierra	210 gr. Sierra	220 gr. Sierra	250 gr. Sierra	250 gr. Scenar	300 gr. Sierra
Muzzle Velocity (fps)	2,936	2,864	2,879	2,831	2,814	2,701
Velocity @ 1000 yds (fps)	1,470	1,557	1,550	1,594	1,544	1,657

# .300 Win Mag PIP

## Down Select

- **220 gr. Sierra MatchKing® .300 Win Mag**
- **Meets objectives**
- **Can be fired in existing weapons**
- **Less sensitive than the 210 gr. VLD**
- **Comparable accuracy and velocity retention to the 250 gr. .338 Lapua Mag**
- **Significant cost savings over the .338 Lapua Mag**



MK 13 MOD 5



# .300 Win Mag PIP

## Results

- Increased effective range to 1,500 yds
- Reduced wind deflection
- Propellant stable across operational temps (-25 F to +165 F)
- Comparable accuracy to existing A191
- Contract estimated award of June 09





## **5.56MM**

**Cartridge, Caliber 5.56mm Ball,  
Carbine, Barrier**

**MK 318 MOD 0**

**DODIC: AB49**

**NSN: 1305-01-573-2229**

## **7.62MM**

**Cartridge, Caliber 7.62mm  
Ball, Rifle, Barrier**

**MK 319 MOD 0**

**DODIC: AB50**





**NSN: 1305-01-572-8492**





## 5.56MM & 7.62MM Enhanced

### 5.56MM & 7.62MM Enhanced

-  **AA53 MK 262 & MK 12 Special Purpose Rifle (SPR) Fielded late FY01 (Post 9/11)**
-  **Post 9/11 reports of ineffective ammunition (specifically M855 w/M4A1)**
-  **April 02 received funding for terminal study (M855, MK 262, M193, M995 and COTS 87 gr.).**
-  **Joint Service Wound Ballistics (JSWB) IPT 1<sup>st</sup> meeting 28 April 03.**





## 5.56MM & 7.62MM Enhanced

### 5.56MM & 7.62MM Enhanced (Continued)

- **SCAR JORD included “Enhanced Ammunition”**
- **Enhanced ammunition program funded July 05**
- **Developmental contract awarded to ATK Sept. 06.**
- **Key performance characteristics derived from knowledge obtained from participation in JSWB IPT**
- **SOST developmental contract final report & proof of concept rounds delivered August 07.**





# 5.56MM & 7.62MM Enhanced

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## Objective

- **Develop ammo & weapon as a SYSTEM**
- **Incorporate lessons learned from JSWB IPT.**

## Performance

- **Consistency; shot to shot & lot to lot.**
- **Accuracy, Combat - NTE 2 MOA.**
- **Intermediate barriers; auto glass/doors.**
- **Terminal, specifically CQC & behind barriers.**
- **Cost; as close to current rounds as possible.**



# *Enhanced Cartridge Development*



- Desired performance requirements communicated:
  - Behind barrier performance
  - Function & casualty and muzzle flash requirements in short barrel carbines
  - Extreme temperature stability
  - Accuracy, waterproof, cartridge configuration, etc.
- Federal Cartridge Company has over thirty years experience working with military and law enforcement customers on developing custom projectiles
- Testing begun with ATK and externally manufactured projectiles against performance requirements

# Enhanced Cartridge Development



- New projectile developed from technology utilized in current law enforcement projectile
  - Front of bullet is designed to help defeat barrier
  - Back of bullet is solid copper and acts as a rear penetrator
- Short barrel propellant was specifically designed for this cartridge configuration
- Test results are positive
- Cartridge is compatible with various 5.56mm and 7.62mm firearms
- Projectile can be manufactured on conventional bullet assembly machinery and it can be assembled on high speed loading equipment



5.56mm Ball, Carbine,  
Barrier - MK 318 MOD 0



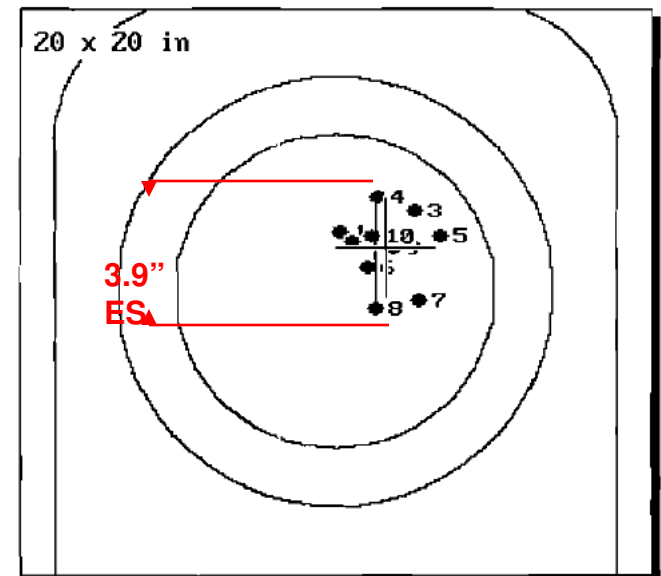
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Barrier - MK 319 MOD 0

# 5.56MM & 7.62MM Enhanced

## Accomplishments

- ✓ Consistency; shot to shot & lot to lot
- ✓ Accuracy, combat - NTE 2 MOA. (600 yds)
- ✓ Intermediate barriers; auto glass/doors.
- ✓ Terminal, Specifically CQC & behind barriers
- ✓ Cost: as close to M855 and M80 as possible.

## ACCURACY



**5.56 Enhanced 300YD  
3.9 IN. EX. SPREAD**



## 5.56MM & 7.62MM Enhanced

### AB49, MK 318 MOD 0 (5.56MM Enhanced)

- 62 grain OTM (reverse draw jacket) bullet
- Temp stable flash reduced propellant
- Not yaw dependant
- Optimized for MK 16 (14" BBL)
- 2925 fps @ 15'

### AB50, MK 319 MOD 0 (7.62MM Enhanced)

- 130 grain OTM (reverse drawn Jacket) Bullet
- Temp stable flash reduced Propellant
- Not yaw dependant
- Reduced recoil (10%)
- Optimized for MK 17 (16" BBL)
- 2925 fps @ 15'
- 2750 fps @ 15 (13" CQC BBL)





## 5.56MM & 7.62MM Enhanced

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### Scheduled Availability

- **260K rounds 5.56MM, 750k rounds 7.62MM under a one year Limited Release to support MK 16/17 LRIP fielding**
- **Safety Testing for full type qualification in process. Completed by Sept. / Oct. 09**
- **Contract Award – Nov. 09 / May 10 (will know more by 5/8/09)**
- **Initial contract deliveries, full fielding capability – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 10.**





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