# MAG RWANDA SLR GUIDE

**THIS GUIDE IDENTIFIES SLRs THAT HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED BY MAG WITHIN RWANDA.**

| SERIAL | MODEL | COUNTRY OF ORIGIN |
|---|---|---|
| 01 | SAFN 1949 | Belgium |
| 02 | Type 56 | China |
| 03 | M59/66 | Former Yugoslavia |
| 04 | HK91A2 | Germany |
| 05 | SKS 45 | Russia |
| 06 | M14 | USA |
| 07 | M1 Carbine | USA |

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# S.A.F.N Mle 1949

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Self Loading Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Fabrique Nationale, Herstal |
| **CALIBRE** | 7x57 mm, 7.65x57 mm, 7.92x57mm, .30-06 (7.62x63mm) |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Belgium |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Fixed, 10-round magazine. Muzzle flash hider and bayonet fitting. Distinctive safety catch in trigger guard. Crests on the receiver ring for the different Kings of Belgium. "L" stands for Leopold III and means that the rifle was made before July 1951."B" stands for King Badouin and means the rifle was made after July 1951. The same marking system is used on the Herstal K98k.

## RELEVANT INFO

Used by the militaries of Argentina, Belgium, the Belgian Congo, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Indonesia, Luxembourg and Venezuela.

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# Type 56

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| **FACTORY MARKING** | |
| **WEAPON TYPE** | Self Loading Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Various |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 39mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | China |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

May carry blade or spike bayonnet. Some versions have plastic upper handguards. (Bottom image). The factory marking is found on the receiver cover. The serial number is found on the left hand side of the receiver.

## RELEVANT INFO

Copy of SKS 45. Chinese Type 56 carbines with serial numbers below 9,000,000 have the Russian-style blade-type folding bayonet. Those with serial numbers of 9,000,000 and higher have a "spike" type folding bayonet.

# M59/66

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Self Loading Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Zastava |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 39mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Former Yugoslavia |

**KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES**

Distinctive under folding blade bayonnet. Fixed Magazine. 22 mm grenade launcher appears visually like a flash suppressor or muzzle brake on the end of the barrel.

**RELEVANT INFO**

Copy of SKS 45

# HK 91A2

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Semi Automatic Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Heckler and Koch |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 51mm<br>0.308 inch Winchester |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Germany |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Serial number found on the left side, within prominent triangle stamping on magazine housing. Serial number usually starts with 'A'. The weapon comes with a bipod and a distinct rest on the buttstock.

## RELEVANT INFO

The HK 91 is almost identical to the G3 externally. However there are some key differences: there is no select fire mechanism, no flipper magazine release, and no front pushpin area – this is replaced with the "shelf". The grenade launching ring is omitted from the barrel. An HK91A3 version with a retractable butt-stock exists.

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# SKS 45

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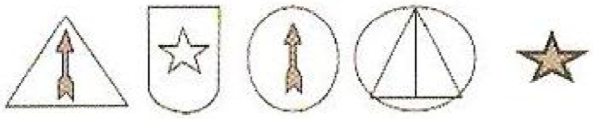
| **FACTORY MARKINGS** |  |
| **WEAPON TYPE** | Self Loading Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Tula and Izhevsk Arsenals |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 39mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Former Soviet Union |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Distinctive Fixed Magazine. Forward sling buckle on left side of stock. The factory marking is often found on the top of the receiver. Early versions may be encountered with a spike bayonet, although most versions have a blade bayonet.

## RELEVANT INFO

This weapon has been widely copied. Care should be taken to ensure the country of origin.

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# M14

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Self Loading Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Springfield Armoury |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62x51 mm NATO (.308 Winchester) |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | USA |

**KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES**

Plastic furniture. Distinctive rear sight.

**RELEVANT INFO**

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# M1 CARBINE

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Self Loading Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Winchester and other contractors |
| **CALIBRE** | .30 Carbine |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | USA |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

- Inland Division, General Motors (production: 2,632,097), sole producer of the M1A1 Carbine. Receiver marked "INLAND DIV."
- Winchester Repeating Arms (production: 828,059) Receiver marked "WINCHESTER"[35]
- Irwin-Pedersen (operated by Saginaw Steering Gear and production included with Saginaw total)
- Saginaw Steering Gear Division General Motors (production: 517,213 ) Receivers marked "SAGINAW S.G." (370,490) and "IRWIN-PEDERSEN" (146,723 )
- Underwood Elliot Fisher (production: 545,616) Receiver marked "UNDERWOOD"
- National Postal Meter (production: 413,017) Receiver marked "NATIONAL POSTAL METER"
- Quality Hardware Manufacturing Corp. (production: 359,666) Receiver marked "QUALITY H.M.C."
- International Business Machines (production: 346,500) Receiver marked "I.B.M. CORP."
- Standard Products (production: 247,100) Receiver marked "STD. PRO."
- Rock-Ola Manufacturing Corporation (production: 228,500) Receiver Marked "ROCK-OLA" [36]
- Commercial Controls Corporation (production: 239) Receiver marked "COMMERCIAL CONTROLS"

**RELEVANT INFO**

M1 carbines are still manufactured by various small US companies for civilian sales, using both military surplus and newly made parts. Large numbers of surplus M1 carbines also were sold to civilians in the post WWII war period. In selective fire versions capable of fully-automatic fire, the carbine is designated the M2 carbine. The M1 carbine has only one part in common with the M1 rifle (a short butt-plate screw) and fires a different cartridge. The M1A1 is para version with side folding stock.

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