# MAG RWANDA ASSAULT RIFLE GUIDE

**THIS GUIDE IDENTIFIES ASSAULT RIFLES (NOT AK) THAT HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED BY MAG WITHIN RWANDA.**

| SERIAL | MODEL | COUNTRY OF ORIGIN |
|---|---|---|
| 01 | FN FAL 50-00 | Belgium |
| 02 | FN FAL 50-41/42 | Belgium |
| 03 | FN FAL 50-63 | Belgium |
| 04 | FNC | Belgium |
| 05 | VZ58P | Czech Republic |
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# FN FAL 50-00

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | FN (Belgium) and Lyttelton Engineering Works (South Africa) |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 51mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Belgium ,South Africa |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Three vent holes on each side of the foregrip, fold away carrying handle.

## RELEVANT INFO

The selector lever is above the pistol grip on the left of the receiver and is operated by the thumb of the right hand. The 'safe' position is at the top, 'repetition' lies below it and 'automatic' is further forward. In the UK (L1A1), Canadian, Indian and Netherlands versions, there is no automatic-fire mode. The cocking handle is on the left side of the receiver. On some models, it folds flat and must be pulled back to extend it at a right angle before it can be used. South African version is known as the R1. Versions with wooden stocks are known as the G1. Folding stock versions are known as the R2. The British SLR has not been found in Rwanda.

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# FN FALO/50-41/50-42

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | FN |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 51mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Belgium |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Grooved wooden foregrip, larger fold away carrying handle than FN.

## RELEVANT INFO

Heavier barrel than FN, designed for sustained automatic fire. Also known as FAL 50-41 & 50-42. The 50-41 is fitted with a plastic stock, while the 50-42's stock is made from wood.

# FN FAL 50-63

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | FN (Belgium) and Lyttelton Engineering Works (South Africa) |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 51mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | South Africa, Belgium |

**KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES**

Three vent holes on each side of the foregrip, fold away carrying handle

**RELEVANT INFO**

South African side folding stock versions are known as the R2. The FN FAL 50-63 (1020mm) is slightly shorter than the longer side folding version, the FN 50-64 (1095mm). This rifle is known to be made in 10 different countries.

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# FNC

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | FN, Bofors, PT Pindad |
| **CALIBRE** | 5.56 x 45mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Belgium |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Distinctive flash hider and plastic buttstock support.

## RELEVANT INFO

Generally comes with folding stock but a fixed polymer stock is also an option. Swedish version is known as Bofors AK-5 and Indonesian version is known as Pindad SS1.

# VZ 58P

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Česká Zbrojovka |
| **CALIBRE** | 5.45 x 39mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Former Czechoslovakia |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

The VZ 58 variants have a distinctive sling buckle welded to the barrel, on the left side, just forward of the fore grip. VZ 58 magazines are not interchangeable with those of the AK-47 and its derivatives.

## RELEVANT INFO

The VZ 58 bears a superficial resemblance to the Soviet AK but the two weapons are not related. Three main variants: VZ 58 P (with a fixed stock – either synthetic or wooden), the VZ 58 V (with a side-folding metal stock, and the VZ 58 Pi, similar to the VZ 58 P but includes a receiver-mounted dovetail bracket, on the left side of the receiver, to attach a night sight; it also has a detachable folding bipod and an enlarged conical flash hider.

# VZ 58V

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Česká Zbrojovka |
| **CALIBRE** | 5.45 x 39mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Former Czechoslovakia |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

The VZ 58 variants have a distinctive sling buckle welded to the barrel, on the left side, just forward of the fore grip. VZ 58 V has a side-folding metal stock. VZ 58 magazines are not interchangeable with those of the AK-47 and its derivatives.

## RELEVANT INFO

The VZ 58 bears a superficial resemblance to the Soviet AK but the two weapons are not related. Three main variants: VZ 58 P (with a fixed stock – either synthetic or wooden), the VZ 58 V (with a side-folding metal stock), and the VZ 58 Pi, similar to the VZ 58 P but includes a receiver-mounted dovetail bracket, on the left side of the receiver, to attach a night sight; it also has a detachable folding bipod and an enlarged conical flash hider.

# G3A3

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Heckler and Koch |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 51mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Germany but widely copied |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Serial number found on the left side, within prominent triangle stamping on magazine housing. Serial number starts with 'G3'. The G3A3 has a fixed stock. ( The G3A4 versions have an extendable stock.)

## RELEVANT INFO

Many versions and varieties exist. The semi-automatic (civilian) version HK91 has been found in Rwanda.

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# G3A4

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|---|---|
| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Heckler and Koch |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 51mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Germany but widely copied |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Serial number found on the left side, within prominent triangle stamping on magazine housing. Serial number starts with 'G3'. The G3A34 versions have an extendable stock. The G3A3 has a fixed stock. Distinct diopter rear sight.

## RELEVANT INFO

Many versions and varieties exist. The semi-automatic (civilian) version HK91 has been found in Rwanda.

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# Galil AR (Assault Rifle)

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | IMI |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 51mm, 5.56 x 45mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Israel |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

The foregrip has four screws. Old foregrips have a square appearance like the R4. Newer Galil foregrips are more rounded than the R4. There is no recess in the foregrip. Cocking handle protrudes above receiver. Serial number on left side behind the foregrip.

## RELEVANT INFO

The 7.62mm has noticeably longer barrel than the 5.56mm version.

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# SAR 80 (Singapore Assault Rifle)

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Chartered Industries of Singapore (CIS) |
| **CALIBRE** | 5.56 x 45mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Singapore |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Loosely resembles M16 but lacks carrying handle/sight assembly. Distinctive triangular rear sight. Fire slector/safety catch is foun on the left side above the pistol grip.

## RELEVANT INFO

The SAR-80 is a gas operated, selective fire weapon of simple construction. Plastic furniture is not robust.

# R4

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | Vektor |
| **CALIBRE** | 5.56 x 45mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | South Africa |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Copy of Galil AR. Unlike the Galil the serial number is found on barrel below foregrip. Four screws in foregrip, often seen with bipod. Cocking handle protrudes above receiver. The longer buttstock is an easy way of distinguishing this from the Galil AR.

## RELEVANT INFO

The standard rifle version is fitted with a plastic handguard and pistol grip and a side-folding (folds to the right side) tubular metal skeleton. Often fitted with bipod.

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# CETME Modelo C

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | CETME |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 51mm and Winchester .308 |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Spain |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Sling cutout in stock with 2 holes immediately to the rear, drilled holes in foregrip.

## RELEVANT INFO

This weapon design is the basis for the G3. The Modelo B accepts both 7.62 NATO and Winchester .308 ammunition. The Modelo C only accepts 7.62 NATO. There is also a Modelo L version that is 5.56 NATO.

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# SIG 542

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| **WEAPON TYPE** | Assault Rifle |
| **MANUFACTURER** | MANURHIN, INDEP, FAMAE (Chilean Copy) |
| **CALIBRE** | 7.62 x 51mm |
| **COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** | Switzerland |

## KEY RECOGNITION FEATURES

Two screws in plastic stock. Two distinct horizontal lines on the magazine housing.

## RELEVANT INFO

The 540 is chambered for 5.56 rounds. The SIG 543 is a shortened version of the SIG 540. Two civilian versions, semi-automatic only, exist. These are chambered in .222 Remington and .243 Winchester respectively. All versions are available with side folding buttstocks.