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PREFACE

This guide is intended to provide information on the identification, physical characteristics, operation and functioning, user maintenance, accessories, and ammunition of Eurasian Communist small arms. No attempt has been made to provide instruction for complete maintenance and repair.

This fourth edition differs from the September 1973 edition (ST-HB-07-03-74) in that it describes standard Communist weapons not covered in earlier editions, provides identification only for relatively low-density weapons, and includes those secondary weapons used by second-line Communist units, militia, and police, or provided to Communist-oriented insurgents. Pages requiring no changes are reprinted and therefore bear the previous short title and date. Amended and new pages bear the current short title and date.

This guide covers, in order, pistols, submachineguns, assault rifles, rifles, and machineguns. Individual sections provide information on specific weapon models: general information, technical data, operation of the weapon, disassembly and assembly, functioning of the mechanism, and accessories normally used with the basic weapon.

The disassembly and assembly procedures described are limited to those operations required by the user to maintain the weapon. Detailed or complete disassembly should not be undertaken because of the danger of lost or broken parts, which would render the weapon unusable. Major parts (i.e., bolts, trigger mechanisms, and the like) should not be interchanged between weapons; these parts are usually numbered to specific weapons; and their use in other weapons could cause malfunctions.

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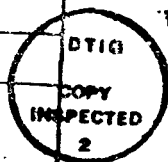
Unless otherwise specified, the weapons covered herein should be cleaned and lubricated with the same materials and techniques used for standard US small arms. Special care should be taken to remove the firing residue from the components of the gas mechanism of gas-operated arms.

Practical range, as used in this publication, is defined by FSTC as that range at which an average trained rifleman can be expected to hit a man-sized target with approximately 50% of his shots.

Most Communist weapons have "V"-notch rear sights and post front sights. The correct sight picture with this type sight is identical with that used for the US Pistol, Caliber 45 M1911A1. The front sight is centered in the notch with the top of the front sight level with the top of the rear sight. This sight picture is held at the point where it is desired that the bullet strike.

To zero a weapon's sights, move them so that the relative motion of the rear sight is in the same direction as it is desired to move the strike of the bullet.

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