



## 5.56 mm F3 BLANK AMMUNITION

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### CHARACTERISTICS

Thales Australia's 5.56 mm F3 blank ammunition exhibits the following nominal performance characteristics:

Length of complete round	55.5 mm
Cartridge weight	7.5 g
Propellant	Single base solvent propellant

Thales Australia's 5.56 mm F3 blank ammunition conforms to the design parameters of the Australian Defence Force (ADF). It is able to be used in all 5.56 mm calibre NATO weapons employing long-nose blank ammunition fitted with the appropriate blank firing attachment.

Thales Australia's 5.56 mm F3 blank ammunition is manufactured at our Benalla munitions facility and its performance is optimised for use by the ADF in the F88 Steyr individual weapon and the F89 Minimi light support weapon.



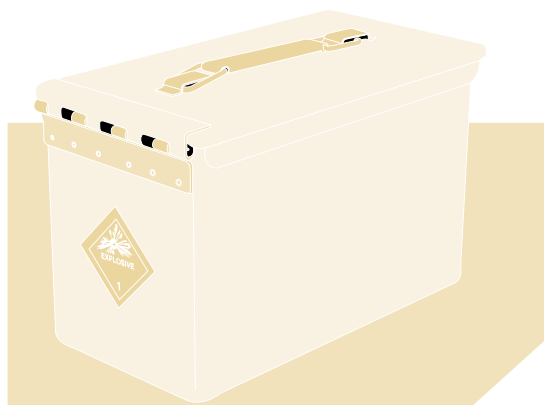
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#### Special features

Thales Australia's 5.56 mm F3 blank ammunition employs a specially designed single base propellant. This propellant is primarily nitrocellulose with added stabiliser and ballistic moderants. The propellant has extremely clean burning characteristics and is an excellent replacement for those propellants that exhibit weapon fouling. The propellant maintains excellent repeatability over the working temperature range. Our 5.56 mm F3 blank ammunition can be tailored to meet customer-specific requirements by modification of the propellant.

Thales Australia's long-nose blank offers superior reliability and performance in the F88 Steyr.



M2A1 container

#### Function

Thales Australia's 5.56 mm F3 blank ammunition is optimised for use with the F88 Steyr and the F89 Minimi currently in use with the ADF.

#### Packaging

Thales Australia's 5.56 mm F3 blank ammunition can be supplied in the following standard packaging configurations:

- Loose pack (1,080 rounds per M2A1)
- Linked (200 rounds per belt).

These configurations are packed in standard military package containers, details of which can be supplied upon request. Other packaging configurations can also be provided on request. Our 5.56 mm F3 blank ammunition will be shipped in packages conforming to the UN recommendations for packaging of dangerous goods. The packages are classified as Hazard Division 1.4S, UN Number 0014. Proper shipping name—Cartridge Small Arms Blank.