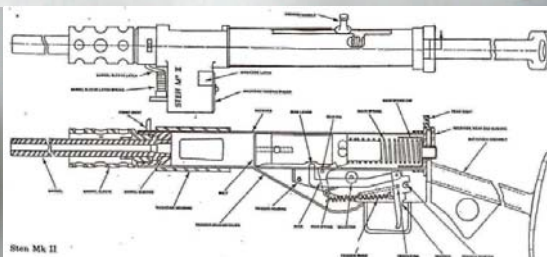


Pattern: STEN MKII 9mm High Power caliber. Introduced: 1941. Withdrawn: 1960s

The Sten Gun was a series of British machine carbines (submachine guns SMG) used extensively by British and Commonwealth forces throughout World War II and the Korean War. They had a simple design and very low production cost. The name STEN was derived from the names of the chief designers, Major Reginald V. Shepherd and Harold Turpin, and EN for Enfield. Over 4 million Sten Guns in various versions including suppressed were made during the 1940s at the Royal Small Arms Factory Enfield. BSA, ROF Fazakerley, ROF Maltby, ROF Theale Berkshire, Lines Brothers Ltd, Long Branch Canada, NZ Railway Workshops New Zealand (plus numerous sub-contractors making individual parts) and by various Underground Resistance Group Factories. Details of the regular Mark II: Caliber 9mm High Power. Overall Length: 762 mm, Barrel Length: 197 mm. Weight: 3.2 kg. Rate of fire: 500rpm. 32 round magazine, effective range 100 meters. In the 1950s Sten's were known as L50 (Mk II), L51 (Mk III) and L52 (Mk V). The Sten Guns were withdrawn in the 1960s and replaced by the Sterling SMG.



STEN MKII S/N FA15207 marked NZ 1079 on body and barrel

plan view and side elevation of STEN MKII



Winston Churchill Fires a Sten MkII June 1941. ARMAF STEN Gun 1,000 made in Wellington, NZ for RNZAF airfield defence in 1942. SAS / Paratrooper with Sten