

IN THE BATTLE SINCE 1888



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CHARACTERISTICS

Length of complete round	55.5 mm (Max)
Cartridge weight	7.5 g
Propellant type	Single base solvent propellant

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Australian Munitions' 5.56 mm F3A1 black 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.

Australian Munitions' 5.56 mm F3A1 black blank ammunition is manufactured at our Benalla munitions facility. It has been developed directly from the existing 5.56 mm F3 blank cartridge, but uses chemically treated brass to produce a 'blackened' case. Providing a visual aid in distinguishing blank cartridges from live ammunition.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Australian Munitions' 5.56 mm F3A1 black blank ammunition employs a specially designed single base propellant. This propellant is primarily nitrocellulose with added stabiliser and ballistic moderants. The propellant has extreme 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 F3A1 black blank ammunition can be tailored to meet customer-specific requirements by modification of the propellant.

Australian Munitions' long nose black blank offers superior reliability and performance in F88.

FUNCTION

Australian Munitions' 5.56 mm F3A1 black blank ammunition is optimised for use with the EF88 and the F89 Minimi currently in use with the ADF.



PACKAGING

Australian Munitions' 5.56 mm F3A1 black blank ammunition can be supplied in the following standard packaging configurations:

- Plastic film pack (900 rounds per M2A1 container)
- Linked (200 rounds per belt)
- Loose pack (1,080 rounds per M2A1).

These configurations are packed in standard military package containers, details of which can be supplied upon request. Our 5.56 mm F3A1 black 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 Cartridges
- Small Arms, Blank.



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