

Rostec/Rosoboronexport and India developments

Indo-Russian JV delivers 35,000 AK-203s to Indian Army



Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited, registered and located in India, has produced and transferred 35,000 Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles to the Indian Ministry of Defence. The founders of the enterprise from the Russian side are Rosoboronexport JSC and the Kalashnikov Group (both are subsidiaries of the Rostec State Corporation).

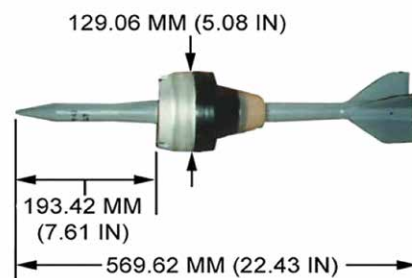
The Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifle is a version of the AK-200 rifle chambered for the 7.62×39mm cartridge used in the Indian Army. The weapon has the traditional advantages of Kalashnikov assault rifles: reliability and ease of maintenance. The AK-203s are manufactured in India in compliance with exclusive Russian technologies on certified equipment. This ensures high product quality and compliance with the stated characteristics.

“The Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited joint venture, co-founded by Rosoboronexport on the Russian side, has completed the first phase of the project to produce AK-203 Kalashnikov assault rifles in India. To increase the degree of localisation, all necessary equipment has been shipped to the Korwa Ordnance Factory in Amethi,

Uttar Pradesh state, and production facilities are now fully equipped. This made it possible to produce and deliver a batch of 35,000 Kalashnikov assault rifles to the Indian Army within the timeframe agreed with the Ministry of Defence of India,” stated Alexander Mikheev, Director General of Rosoboronexport. “The Indo-Russian joint venture is a vivid example of fruitful cooperation between our countries in the defence sector.”

Rostec launches manufacturing of 125mm Mango APFSDS rounds in India

Rosoboronexport JSC (part of Rostec State Corporation) has established manufacturing of 3VBM17 Mango armour piercing fin stabilised discarding sabot (APFSDS) rounds in



India. The ammunition is designed to defeat armoured vehicles fitted with composite armour. The project is being implemented under the Make in India programme. The 125mm Mango round is designed to be fired from the guns of T-72 and T-90 MBTs. Various versions of these combat vehicles are in service with the Indian Army.

“Rostec has extensive experience in industrial partnership with friendly countries. Many projects include technology transfer and exchange of competencies. Such a partnership allows the importing country to develop its production capacity – this is a competitive edge of Rostec as a leading supplier of defence solutions. We have implemented several such projects in partnership with India. These include licensed production of T-90 tanks, Mango APFSDS projectiles and other weapon systems. To achieve the highest degree of localisation of the production of Mango projectiles it is planned to launch manufacturing of powders on the territory of India,” stated Sergey Chemezov, General Director of Rostec.

The Mango rounds include the 3BM42 APFSDS projectile capable of engaging modern tanks fitted with composite armour. ➡