

WEAPONS CORNER

A Closer Look at Grenades

This issue's Weapons Corner features a few of the more common Soviet and former Warsaw Pact antipersonnel and anti-vehicular grenades that were sold to the Saddamist regime in large numbers. These may be employed as booby traps, rigged adjacent to trails and walkways with trip wires, or they may be thrown or dropped from buildings by terrorists. As improvised explosive devices, the grenades may be enclosed in a glass jar or lump of mud and left by a roadside, to be detonated when the outer covering is shattered by a vehicle's wheels or when a Soldier or civilian kicks what appears to be an innocuous mudball. The latter technique was successfully employed against U.S. forces in Vietnam, and today's terrorist has learned what worked for Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army forces.

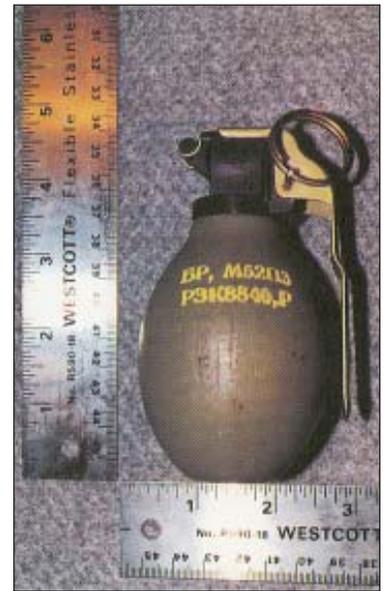
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Homemade Hand Grenade

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