

The SVD (Snayperskaya Vintovka Dragunova)-Dragunov Sniping Rifle was the first rifle designed from scratch as a sniper rifle in the former Russian army, and was introduced in the late 1950's. It has very limited similarities to the famous Kalashnikov series of rifles.

The Dragunov fires rimmed 7.62x54mm standard jacketed ammunition, though recent ammo advances in Stiletto[™] flechette technology have seen some use. Accuracy of the 7.62x54mm was improved by a special sniper cartridge designed by Sabelnikov, Sazonov, and Dvoryaninov. This was the first cartridge in Soviet ordinance history to embody a special steel-cored sniper bullet, offering accuracy up to 2.5 times better than that of the regular cartridge and significantly improving the performance of the SVD rifle. Regular rifle rounds can be used if special sniper cartridges are not available, but accuracy suffers accordingly.

Some claim the Dragunov is an outdated platform, however popular opinion still holds this rifle as a viable one man point-anddrop weapon system. As part of Romania's 812th Infantry Battalion, garrisoned in the city of Bistrita in northern Transylvania, this rifle was credited with over 1200 kills and incurred zero maintenance hours.

Туре	Conceal.	Ammo	Mode	Damage	Weight	Avail.	Cost	Street Index
Sniper	NA	10(c)	SA	9 S	4.31	5/12	1 <i>,</i> 900¥	2.25

* Rifle comes with a detachable Mag. III Image magnification Scope. The stock provides 2 points of recoil reduction. This rifle is not collapsible. If SSD ammo is used, damage is 11S. SSD ammo costs 5¥ per round at a street index of 3.0.



>>>>>[I have some personal experience with an original SVD. We shot extensively out to 900 meters. The rifle is extremely deadly, even with cheap surplus ammo, out to about 600 meters. After that, you're hard pressed to hit consistently.]<<<<<

- Deadshot <19:25:09 - 6/23/53>

>>>>>[You are so full of sh*t. You couldn't hit the broad side of a barn at twenty paces with a rifle like this. This is last century's equipment, get with the program and get a Barrett.]<<<<< - Dusty <21:32:32 - 6/24/53>

>>>>>[Actually I like this rifle still, and would gladly go shooting with you some time.]<<<<<

- Deadshot <12:19:33 - 6/25/53>

>>>>[Fine, but you have to fire
buttermilk ammo, not that jacked
SSD stuff, and I get a judge, and I
get a tripod, and you don't get to
wear glasses.]<<<<- Dusty <12:21:11 - 6/25/53>