



The Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW), or 5.56mm M249 is an individually portable, gas operated, magazine or disintegrating metallic link-belt fed, light machine gun with fixed headspace and a quick change barrel feature. The M249 engages point targets out to 800 meters, firing the now venerated Nato standard 5.56mm cartridge. The gunner has the option of using 30-round Colt M16 magazines or linked ammunition from pre-loaded 200-round plastic magazines.

Originally conceived to fill the void created by the retirement of the Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) during the 1950s, the SAW took on the role of squad support fire weapon. It's versatility to accept either belted or magazine held ammunition makes it a favorite amongst guerrilla and non-regular troops. Several variations exist, such as the Para version with a collapsible stock and shorter barrel. Accurate, Light, and deadly dependable, accept no substitute.

| Type | Conceal. | Ammo      | Mode  | Damage | Weight | Avail. | Cost   | Street Index |
|------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| LMG  | NA       | 200 Belt* | BF/FA | 75     | 7.6    | 6/14   | 5,100¥ | 4            |

\* Comes with integral Gas-Vent 3 recoil reduction and the bipod and stock each provide another 1 point of recoil reduction. Weapon accepts either belted or magazine ammunition. Each 200 round magazine weighs approximately 6.17 pounds (2.8 kg). With stock retracted and ammunition box removed, the Para model has a Conceal Rating of 2. A minimum of 4 Complex Actions are required to remove (2 Complex Actions) and replace (2 Complex Actions) the barrel.



>>>>>[Finally got my hands on one of these. The weapon I fired had already more than 10,000 rounds fired through it. The only time this vicious little jewel stopped cranking was during belt changes. I encountered no malfunctions or stoppages of any kind.]<<<<<

- Kokalis <24:04:21 - 7/7/53>

>>>>>[Don't forget to bring a duffle bag to pick up all the brass that one of these beauties kicks out. It's like someone winning big at a Vegas slot machine.]<<<<<

- KinTama <21:54:55 - 7/12/53>

>>>>>[This weapon is indestructible. Believe me, I've tried to kill it; you can leave it in Montego Bay over a summer, troll it out, lock and load, and rain lead before it's dry.]<<<<<

- Elian Gonzalez <19:21:46 - 7/21/53>