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## M203 / M203A1 GRENADE LAUNCHER

### ***Mission***

To deter and, if necessary, compel adversaries by enabling individuals and small units to engage targets with accurate, lethal grenade fire

### ***Entered Army Service***

early 1970s

### ***Description and Specifications***

The M203 grenade launcher is a single-shot weapon designed for use with the M16 series rifle and fires a 40mm grenade. The M203A1 grenade launcher is a single-shot weapon designed for use with the M4 series carbine and also fires a 40mm grenade. Both have a leaf sight and quadrant site. The M203 is also being used as the delivery system for a growing array of less-than-lethal munitions.



**M203 mounted on M-4 Carbine**

<b><i>Weight:</i></b>	3 lbs (empty), 3.6 lbs (loaded)
<b><i>Overall length:</i></b>	15
<b><i>Barrel length:</i></b>	12
<b><i>Ammunition type:</i></b>	CN/CS/OC tear gas rounds, smoke, non-lethal projectiles, signal and practice rounds as well as standard 40mm rounds
<b><i>Effective Range:</i></b>	approximately 350 yards

*Information courtesy [Army.mil](http://Army.mil)*

### ***Manufacturer***

Colt Manufacturing

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