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M249 SQUAD AUTOMATIC WEAPON

Mission

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

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Description and Specifications

The M249 Squad Automatic Weapon is a lightweight, gas-operated, air cooled, magazine or belt-fed individual automatic weapon capable of delivering a large volume of effective fire at ranges up to 800 meters. It can be fired from the shoulder, hand-held, or from the integral bipod. It is equipped with rails to mount optics and target illuminators and has an optional short barrel for close-quarter operations.



M249 SQUAD AUTOMATIC WEAPON

<i>Caliber</i>	5.56 mm
<i>Length</i>	40.87 inches
<i>Weight</i>	16.5 lbs
<i>Max Effective Range</i>	1000 meters (area target) 600m (point target)
<i>Rate of Fire</i>	750 rounds per minute

Information courtesy Army.mil and GlobalSecurity.org

Manufacturer

FN Manufacturing

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