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# M115 203-MM HOWITZER

## HEAVY HOWITZER

Hampered by multiple delays in design, the M115 howitzer entered service during World War II and still sees limited use by NATO nations today.

# WWII

## QUICK FACTS ON THE M115

Weight	31,780 lbs.
Dimensions (L, W, H)	36', 8.1', 8.9'
Range	Up to 10 miles
Crew	14
Variants	6
Number Produced	Over 1,000
Country of Origin	United States

## A SHORT HISTORY

Originally designated the M1 8-inch howitzer, then the M115 8-inch howitzer before becoming standardized as the 203-mm howitzer, the M115 was the United States' standard heavy howitzer used during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Design of the gun began following the close of World War I and arose from the need of the U.S. Army's reliance on British artillery in the war. After numerous program setbacks from 1920 to 1939, it finally entered production in 1942.

The "8-inch" and "M1" nomenclature was used through 1962, when the Army adopted the first of several nomenclature standardization policies. Following this, it became known as the M115 203-mm heavy howitzer, tracked.

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