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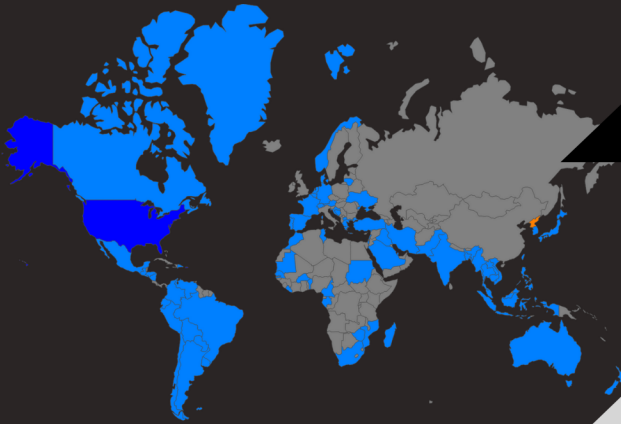


M101A1 105-MM HOWITZER

PRECISE POWER

Originally designated M2A1, the M101 howitzer rapidly became known for its precise fire placement and intense fire power in World War II and Korea.

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QUICK FACTS ON THE M101A1

Weight	4,980 lbs.
Dimensions (L, W, H)	19.5', 7.2', 5.7'
Range	Over 9 miles
Crew	5
Variants	20
Number Produced	10,200
Country of Origin	United States

A SHORT HISTORY

Designed to be a versatile and light-weight howitzer that was capable of deployment in any terrain, the M101 (formerly M2A1) 105-mm howitzer was the light howitzer of choice for Allied forces during World War II. It was designed to be durable and therefore weighed considerably more than other contemporary howitzers in its class. Many of these howitzers were Lend-Lease, while others were procured post-World War II by NATO nations. The Rock Island Arsenal produced most models in conjunctions with the Kia Machine and Tool Company. The howitzer also saw use in Vietnam and Korea. Because of its modular design, it was also simple to modify. Numerous variants were produced studying various technology as late as 1973.



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