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M198 155-MM HOWITZER

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The M198 was the standard 155-mm howitzer used by the U.S. Army from 1978 through Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

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QUICK FACTS ON THE M198

Weight	15,800 lbs.
Dimensions (L, W, H)	36.1', 9.1', 9.5'
Range	Up to 20 miles
Crew	9
Variants	1
Number Produced	Over 1,600
Country of Origin	United States

A SHORT HISTORY

Designed to be dropped by parachute, via C-130 Hercules or C-17 Globemaster III aircraft, or transported with a sling, via CH-53E Super Stallion or CH-47 Chinook helicopters, the M198 howitzer weighs in at just shy of eight tons. The M198 was designed to replace the World War II-era M114 howitzer. Capable of firing both atomic and conventional rounds, the M198 was produced to serve in a multifunctional capacity. Despite its capability to fire atomic rounds (removed from inventory in 1992), the M198 has been a conventional weapon. The artillery selection for the M198 includes high explosive rounds, rocket-assisted projectiles, illumination rounds, area deniability rounds, and even shells that are capable of seeking out and destroying the enemy.

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