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MGR-1 HONEST JOHN

762 MM ROCKET

The MGR-1 Honest John medium range system was the first surface-to-surface rocket that was capable of carrying a nuclear payload.

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QUICK FACTS ON THE MGR-1

Weight	5,820 lbs
Dimensions (L, Dia, Wing)	27'3", 2'6", 9'1"
Range	Up to 16 miles
Crew	5 to 7
Variants	3
Number Produced	Over 7,000
Country of Origin	United States

A SHORT HISTORY

The MGR-1 Honest John Medium-Range Guided Rocket System was designed and developed from 1951 to 1953. The weapon was exported to a handful of NATO nations starting from the early 1950s and remained in service through the early 1990s just before the collapse of the Soviet Union. The MGR-1 was the first rocket capable of carrying a nuclear payload. Most Honest John rockets were conventionally armed, but a few others carried payloads such as Sarin gas caplets. MGR-1's were primarily designed to augment defensive perimeters for atomic deterrence in Europe and Northeast Asia. The last batteries of these rocket systems were taken offline in 1991 and were located in South Korea serving with the Republic of Korea Armed Forces.

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