



Schede tecniche degli ordigni bellici



Schede sugli Ordigni Bellici della Seconda Guerra Mondiale

La Seconda Guerra Mondiale ha lasciato un'eredità storica e bellica significativa che continua a influenzare molte aree del mondo. Tra le numerose tracce del conflitto, una delle più pericolose è rappresentata dagli ordigni inesplosi (UXO), che ancora oggi costituiscono una minaccia reale in molte regioni, specialmente nei cantieri e nei lavori di scavo.

Questa raccolta di schede tecniche è stata realizzata per fornire informazioni dettagliate e precise sugli **ordigni bellici della Seconda Guerra Mondiale**, con particolare attenzione agli esplosivi utilizzati dalle forze armate tedesche, americane e di altri eserciti coinvolti nel conflitto. Ogni scheda contiene una descrizione tecnica degli ordigni, inclusi il loro funzionamento, dimensioni, peso e composizione. L'obiettivo è di offrire agli operatori, ai tecnici e agli studiosi uno strumento di riferimento utile per l'identificazione e la gestione sicura di questi dispositivi pericolosi.

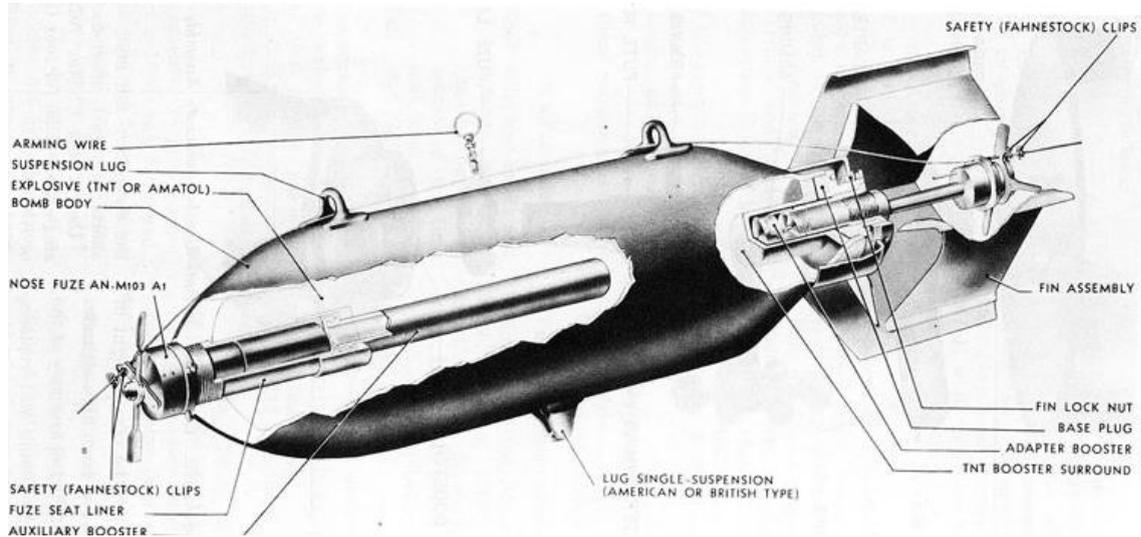
Le informazioni raccolte in questo documento sono frutto di ricerche approfondite e basate su dati storici verificabili, con l'intento di agevolare l'attività di bonifica degli ordigni esplosivi e migliorare la consapevolezza dei rischi associati. In molti contesti, specialmente in ambito civile e militare, conoscere le caratteristiche degli ordigni bellici inesplosi è fondamentale per prevenire incidenti e garantire la sicurezza dei lavoratori e delle comunità.

Questo compendio vuole quindi contribuire non solo alla comprensione storica di tali armamenti, ma anche all'operatività quotidiana di chi si trova a dover fronteggiare la minaccia rappresentata dagli ordigni bellici residui. Speriamo che queste schede possano rivelarsi uno strumento prezioso per tutti coloro che operano nel campo della bonifica bellica e della sicurezza sul lavoro.

Information Data Sheet

Category Bomb (American)

Type 100lb General Purpose Bomb (AN-M30)



Variants -

Body Dimensions 914.4mm x 208.3mm (36" x 8.2")

Weight 110lbs (50kg)

Filling Weight 54lbs (24kg)

Fuze Nose and tail fuze.

Composition Forged steel.

Description Ogival nose, parallel sidewalls, and a tapered aft section. Olive drab colouring with black stencil and two yellow bands (one aft and one centre).

Function General bombardment purposes.

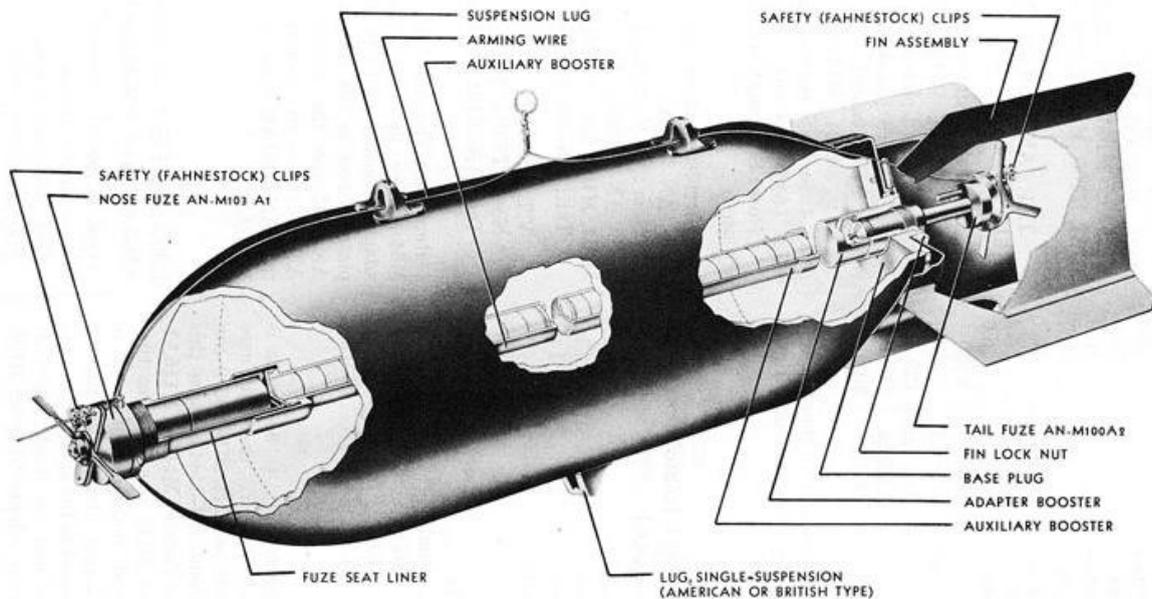


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Information Data Sheet

Category Bomb (American)

Type 250lb General Purpose Bomb (AN-M57)



Variants -

Body Dimensions 1153.2mm x 276.9mm (45.4" x 10.9")

Weight 256lbs (116kg)

Filling Weight 124lbs (56kg)

Fuze Nose and tail fuze.

Composition Forged steel.

Description Cylindrical construction. Painted olive drab with yellow bands around the nose and tail indicating the filler; one for Amatol or TNT and three for tritonal.

Function General bombardment purposes.

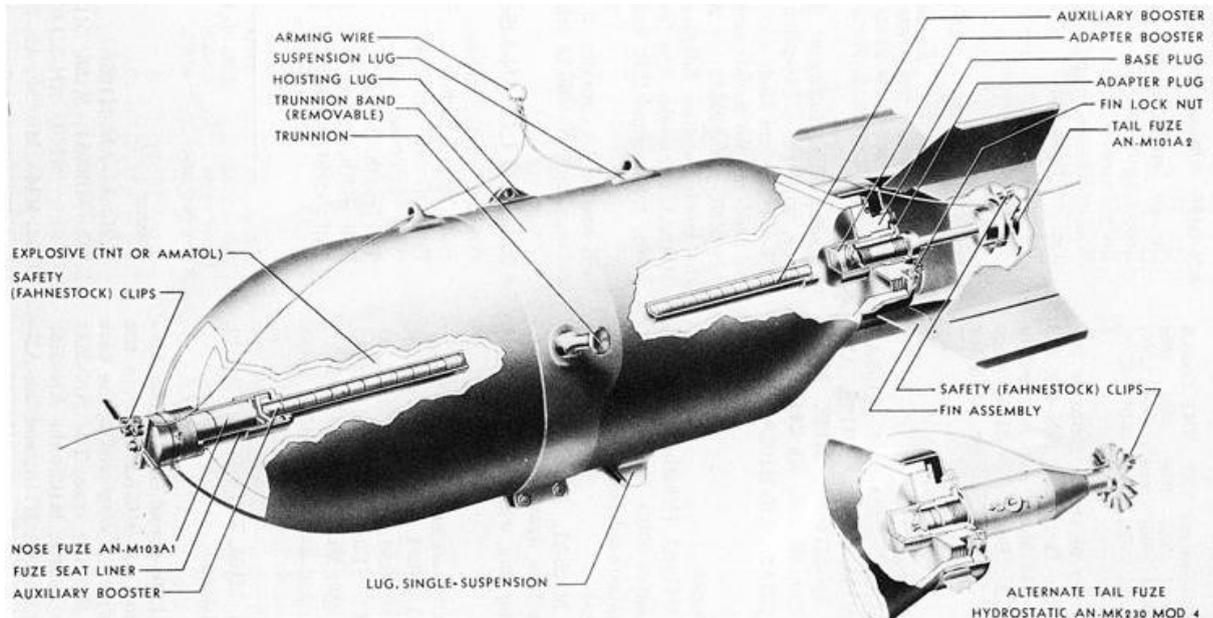


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Information Data Sheet

Category Bomb (American)

Type 500lb General Purpose Bomb (AN-M64)



Variants -

Body Dimensions 1442.7mm x 360.7mm (56.8" x 14.2")

Weight 510lbs (231kg)

Filling Weight 262bs (119kg)

Fuze Nose and tail fuze.

Composition Forged steel.

Description Cylindrical construction. Painted olive drab with yellow bands around the nose and tail indicating the filler; one for Amatol or TNT, two for Comp B and three for tritonal.

Function General bombardment purposes.

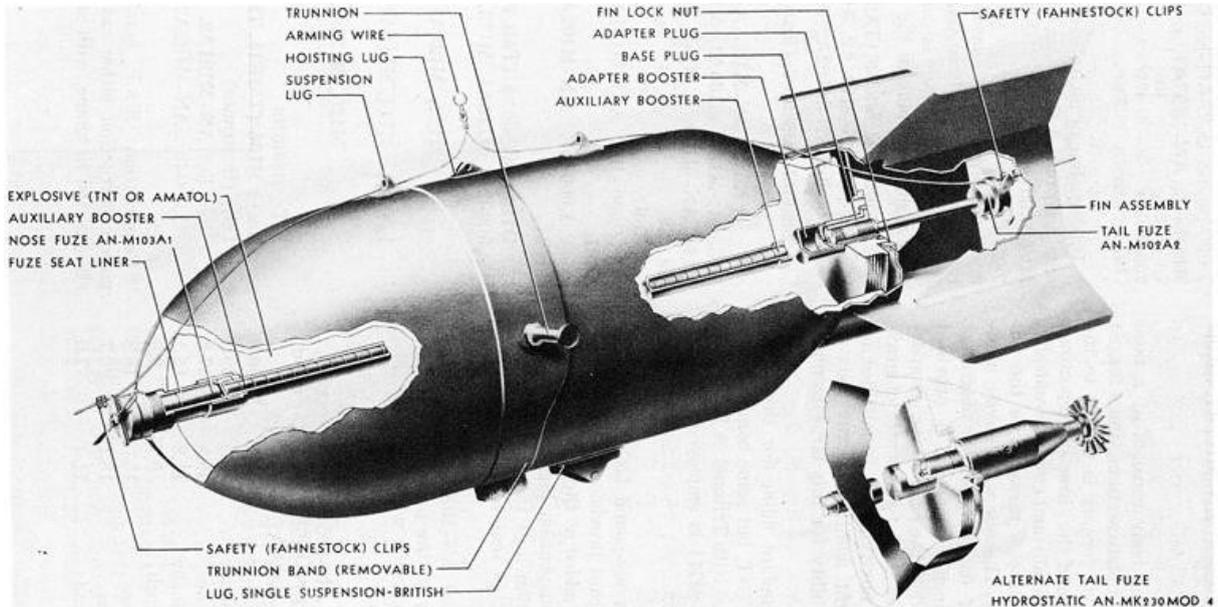


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Information Data Sheet

Category Bomb (American)

Type 1,000lb General Purpose Bomb (AN-M65)



Variants -

Body Dimensions 1704.3mm x 477.5mm (67.1" x 18.8")

Weight 965lbs (438kg)

Filling Weight 530bs (240kg)

Fuze Nose and tail fuze.

Composition Forged steel.

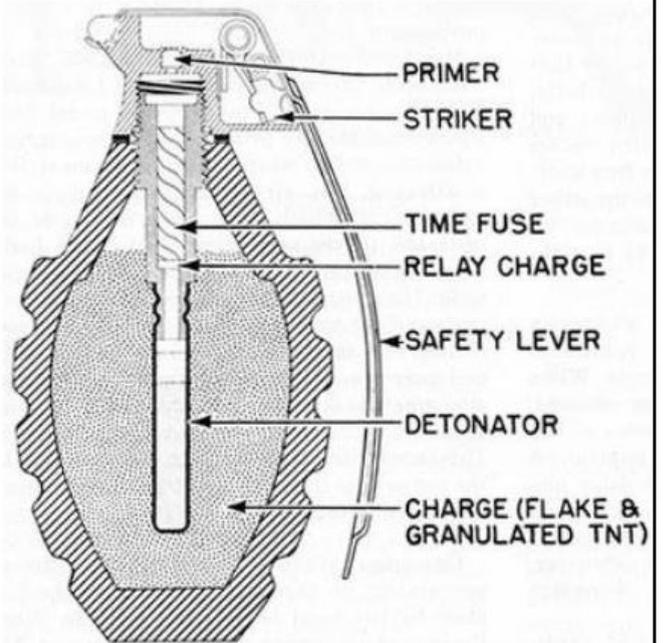
Description Cylindrical construction. Painted olive drab with yellow bands around the nose and tail indicating the filler; one for Amatol or TNT, two for Comp B and three for tritonal.

Function General bombardment purposes.



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Mk II Grenade

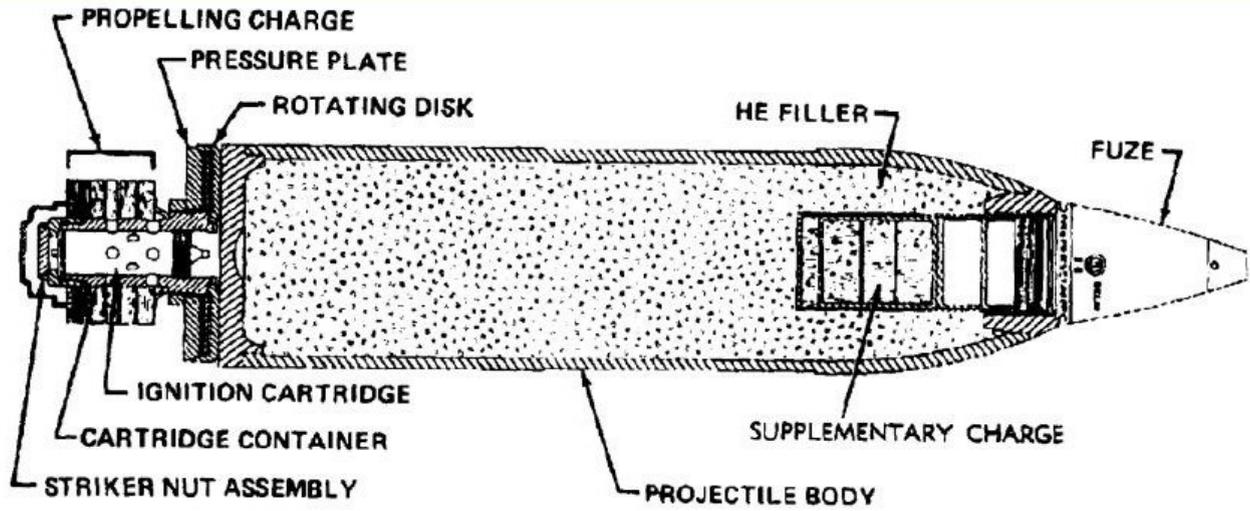


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Description | Segmented lemon-shaped body with safety lever | Function | Anti-Personnel (Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | 114mm x 57mm (4.5" x 2.3") | Activation by | Time fuze |
| Material | Iron | Variations | Optional gas check baseplate and rod for use as a Rifle Grenade |

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4.2" Mortar



Specifications

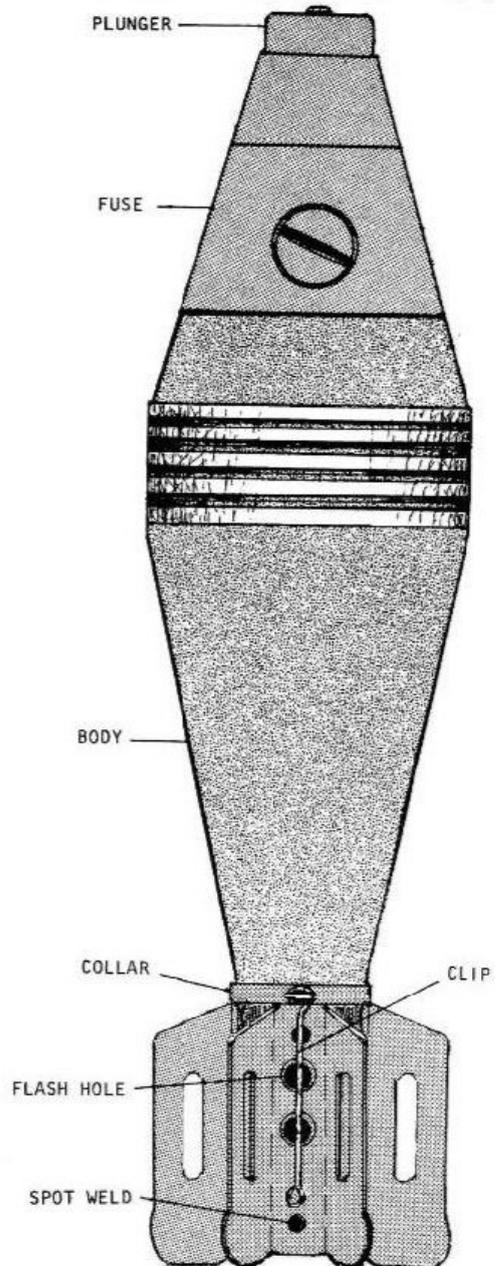
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| Description | Cylindrical with streamlined nose and protruding tail-rod | Function | Anti-Personnel (Fragmentation), Incendiary, Smoke, or Chemical |
| Dimensions | Total 584mm x 107mm (23" x 4.2") Body 518mm x 107mm (20.4" x 4.2") | Activation by | Impact, Time, or Proximity fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Minor variations in length |

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60mm Mortar



60mm Practice, High Explosive (HE), Incendiary, and Illumination

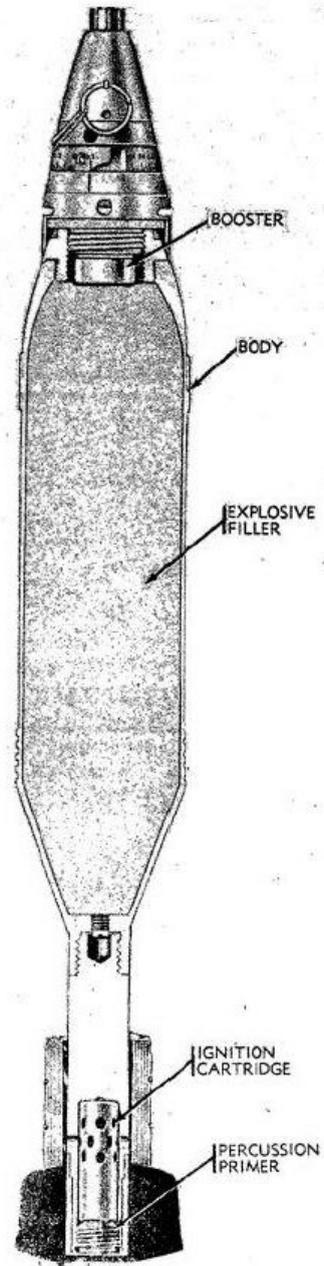


Specifications

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| Description | Pear-shaped with conical nose fuze and eight-vane tail | Function | Anti-Personnel (Fragmentation), Incendiary, Smoke, or Illumination |
| Dimensions | Total 244mm x 60mm (9.6" x 2.4") Body 193mm x 60mm (7.6" x 2.4") | Activation by | Impact or Time fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Significant variations in length and shape dependent on function |

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81mm Mortar

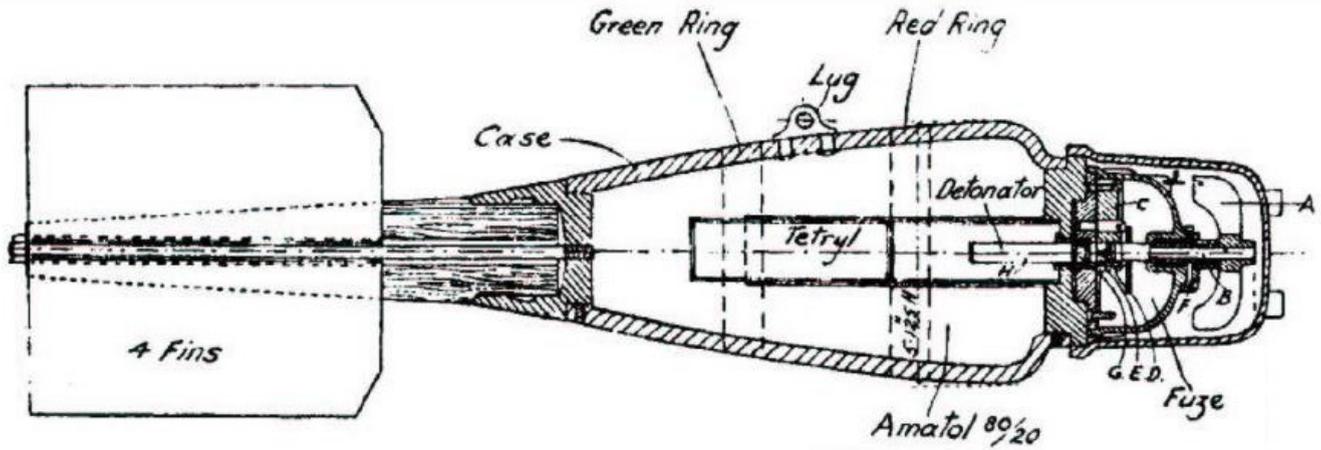


Specifications

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| Description | Cylindrical with conical nose fuze and tail-rod with twelve-vane tail | Function | Anti-Personnel (Fragmentation), Incendiary, Smoke, or Illumination |
| Dimensions | Total 582mm x 81mm (22.9" x 3.2") Body 417mm x 81mm (16.4" x 3.2") | Activation by | Impact, Time, or Proximity fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Significant variations in length and shape dependent on function |

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20lb 'Cooper' High Explosive Bomb

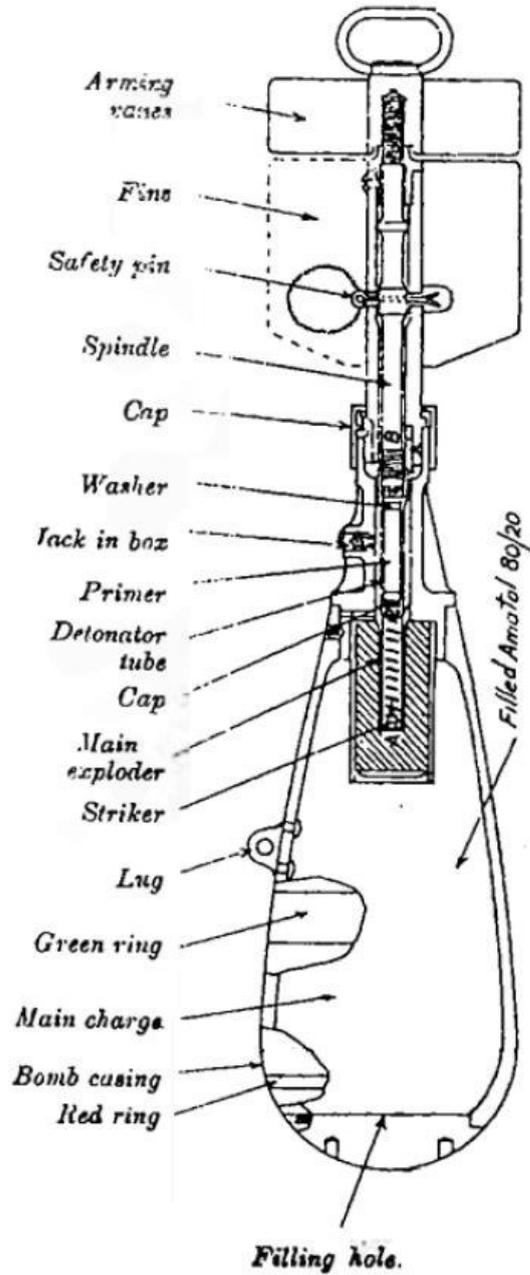


Specifications

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| Description | Pear-shaped, prominent vanded nose fuze with cap, and four-fin tail | Function | Anti-Personnel (Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 620mm x 165mm (24.4" x 6.5") Body 620mm x 130mm (24.4" x 5.1") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel or Semi-Steel | Variations | - |

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20lb 'Hale' High Explosive Bomb

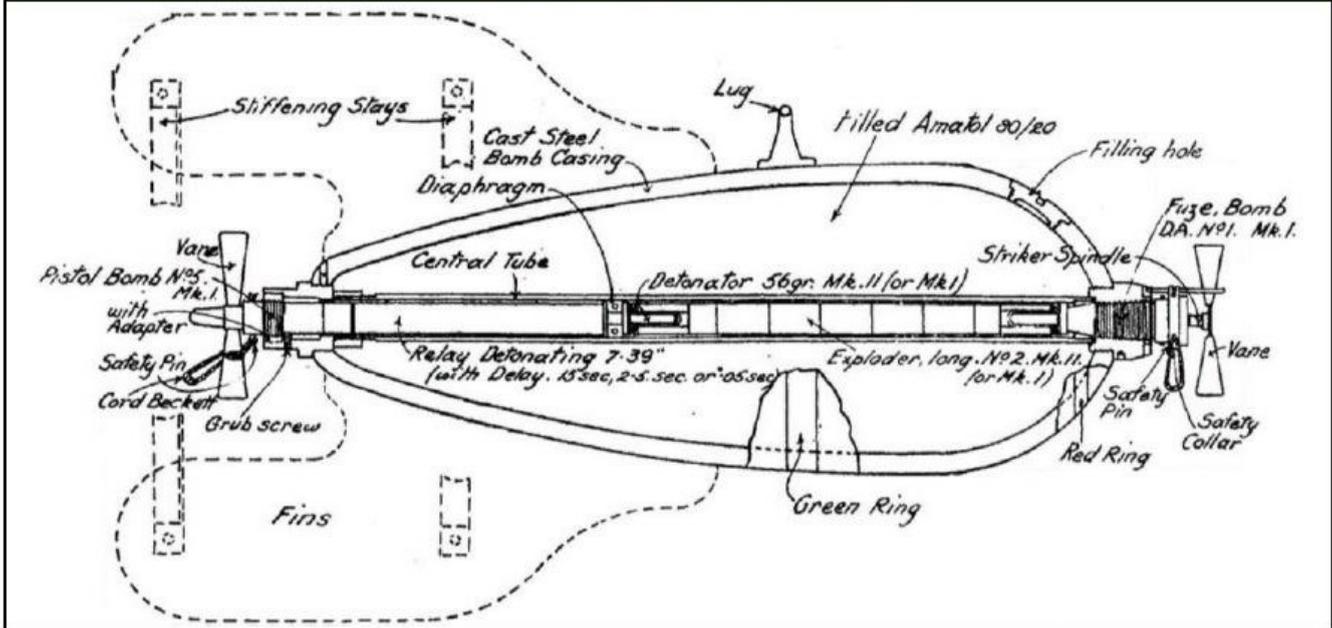


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Description | Pear shaped with two part four-fin tail and arming vane | Function | Anti-Personnel (Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 589mm x 127mm (23.2" x 5") Body 381mm x 127mm (15" x 5") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | - |

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112lb High Explosive Bomb

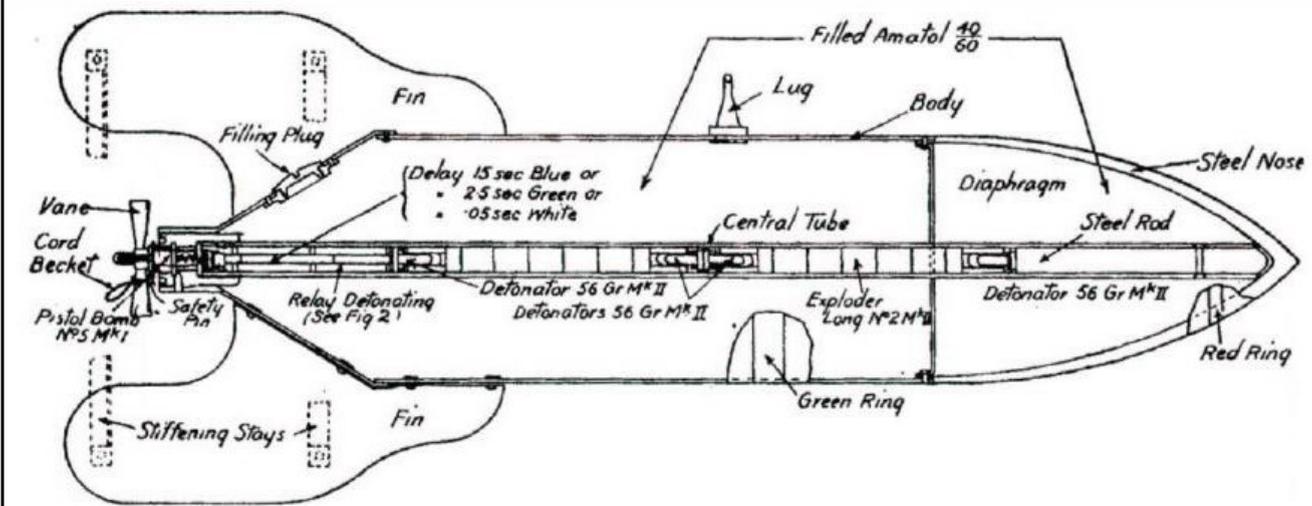


Specifications

| Description | Pear-shaped with nose and tail fuzes and braced four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
|-------------|--|---------------|---|
| Dimensions | Total 739mm x 457mm (29.1" x 18") Body 572mm x 229mm (22.5" x 9") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Variants made of Iron |

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230lb High Explosive Bomb

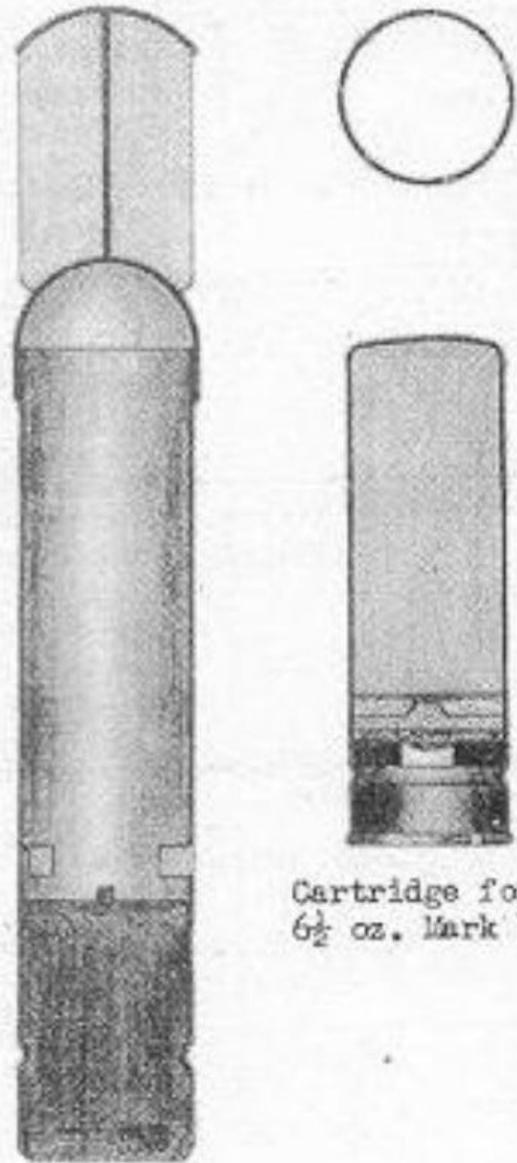


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Description | Cylindrical with pointed nose and braced four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 1283mm x 495mm (50.5" x 19.5") Body 1176mm x 254mm (46.3" x 10") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | - |

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6.5oz 'Baby' Incendiary Bomb



Cartridge for
6½ oz. Mark V

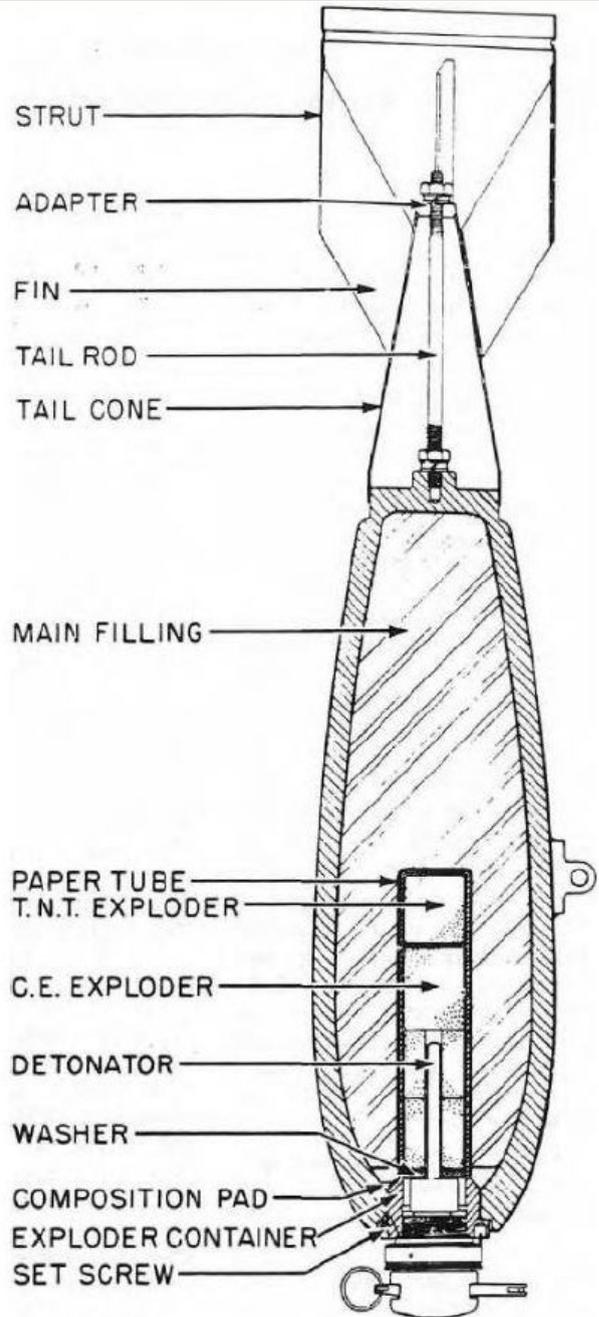
6½ oz. Mark V

Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Description | Cylindrical with blunted nose and dome-capped four-fin tail | Function | Anti-Structure (Cluster Incendiary) |
| Dimensions | Total 152mm x 24mm (6" x 1") Body 107mm x 24mm (4.2" x 1") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel nose, aluminium cartridge, tinned plate body and tail | Variations | Minor variations in length |

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40lb General Purpose Bomb

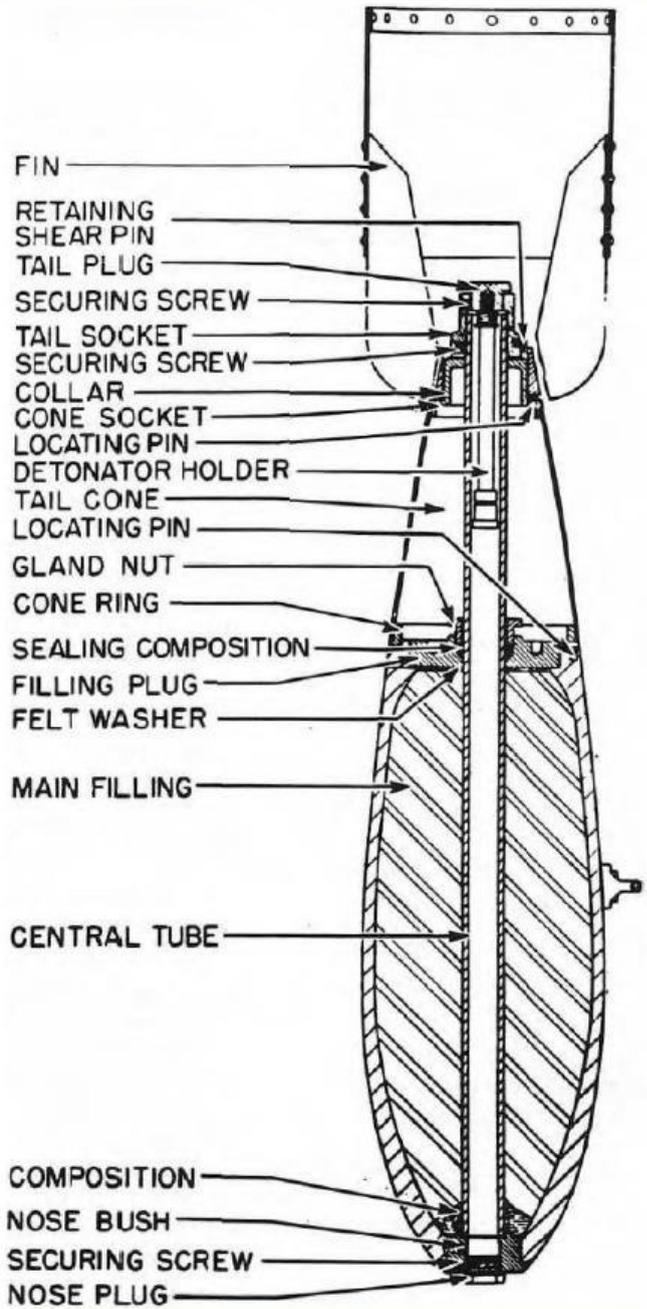


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Description | Pear-shaped with ring-bound four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 693mm x 130mm (27.3" x 5.1") Body 404mm x 130mm (15.9" x 5.1") | Activation by | Impact or Pressure fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Minor variations in size |

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250lb General Purpose Bomb

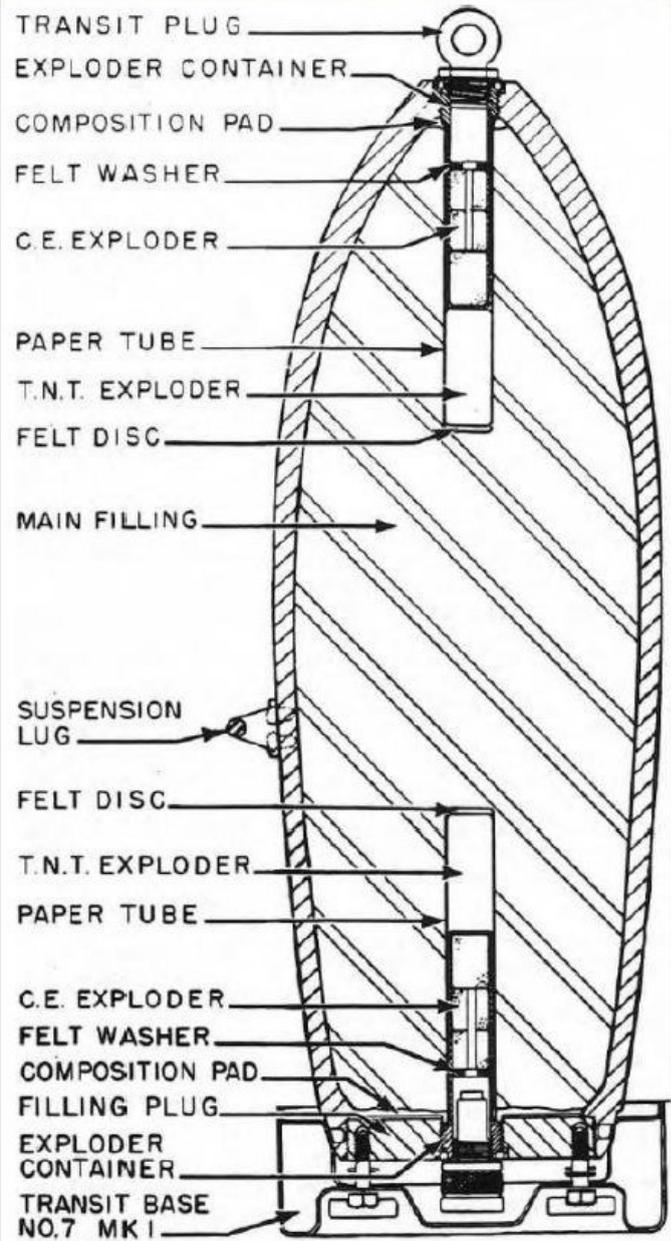


Specifications

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|--------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Description | Cylindrical with streamlined nose and ring-bound four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 1377mm x 262mm (54.2" x 10.3") Body 711mm x 262mm (28" x 10.3") | Activation by | Impact or Time fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Minor variations in size |

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500lb General Purpose Bomb

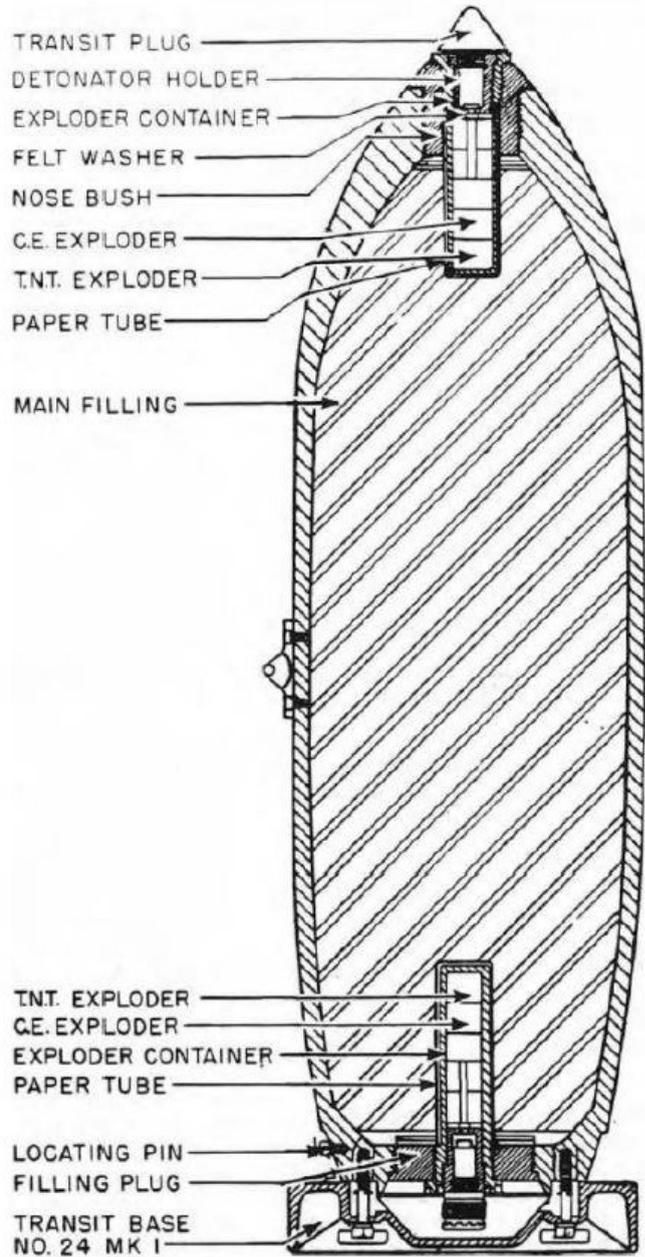


Specifications

| Description | Cylindrical with streamlined nose and ring-bound four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
|-------------|--|---------------|---|
| Dimensions | Total 1412mm x 328mm (55.6" x 12.9") Body 925mm x 328mm (36.4" x 12.9") | Activation by | Impact or Time fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Significant variations in length |

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1000lb General Purpose Bomb

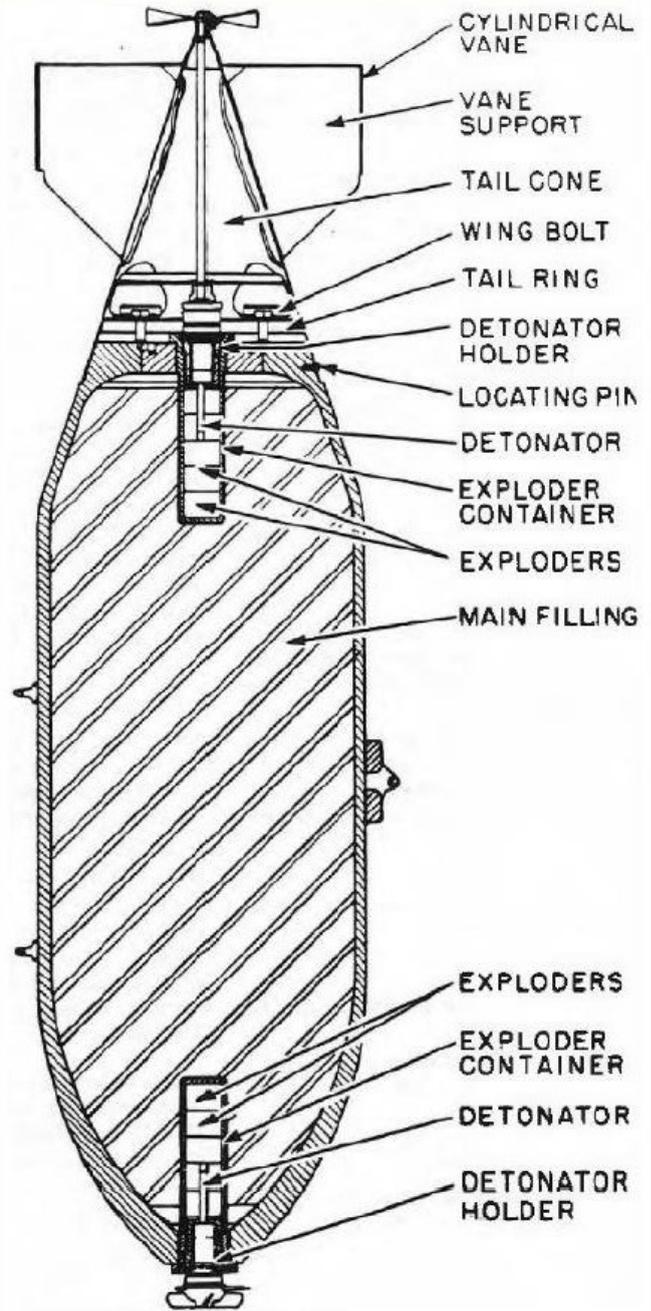


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Description | Cylindrical with streamlined nose and ring-bound four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 1803mm x 411mm (71" x 16.2") Body 1334mm x 411mm (52.5" x 16.2") | Activation by | Impact or Time fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Significant variations in tail length |

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500lb Medium Capacity Bomb

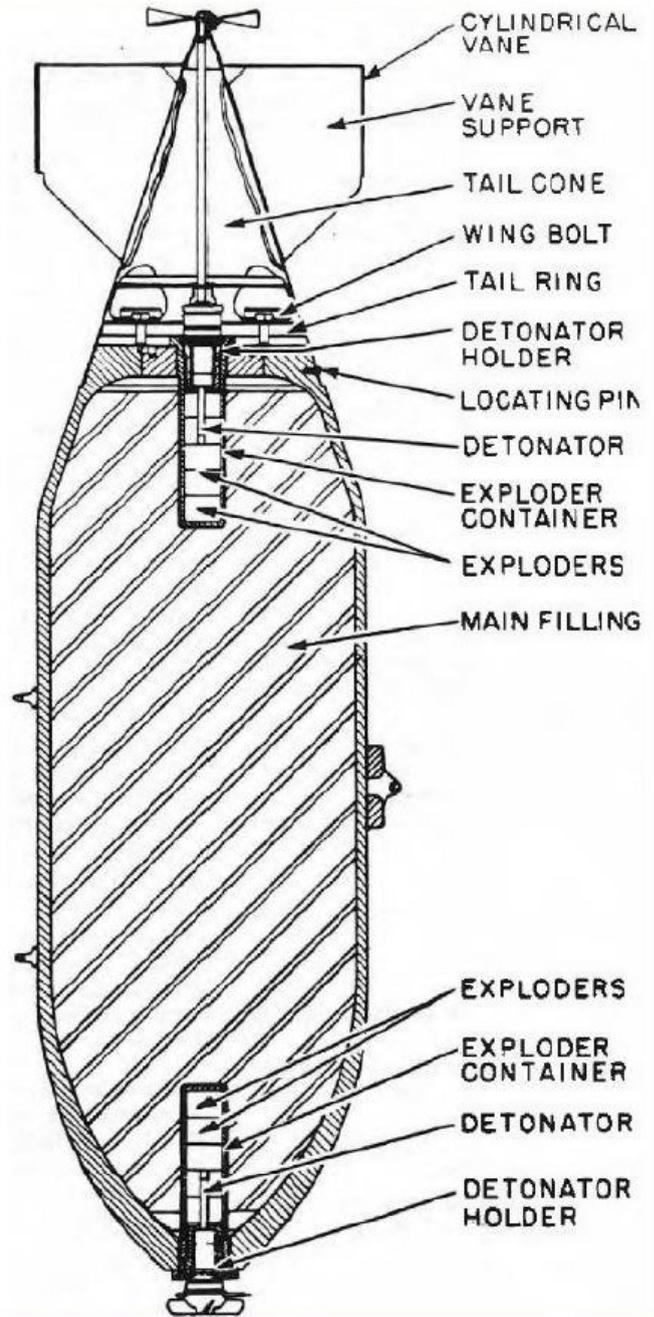
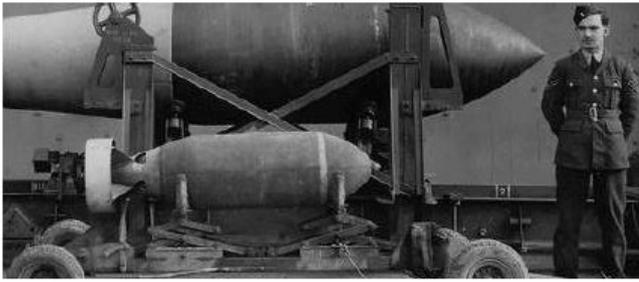


Specifications

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| Description | Cylindrical with stream-lined nose and ring-bound four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 1468mm x 328mm (57.8" x 12.9") Body 1041mm x 328mm (41" x 12.9") | Activation by | Impact or Time fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Significant variations in tail length |

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1000lb Medium Capacity Bomb

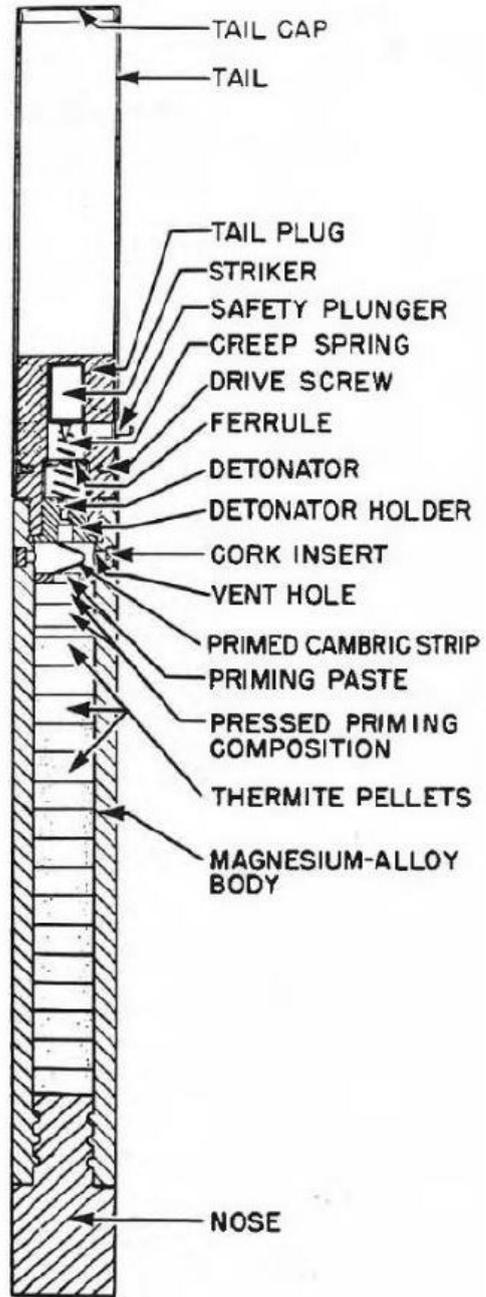


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Description | Cylindrical with streamlined nose and ring-bound four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 1844mm x 451mm (72.6" x 17.8") Body 1334mm x 451mm (52.5" x 17.8") | Activation by | Impact or Time fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | - |

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4lb Incendiary Bomb

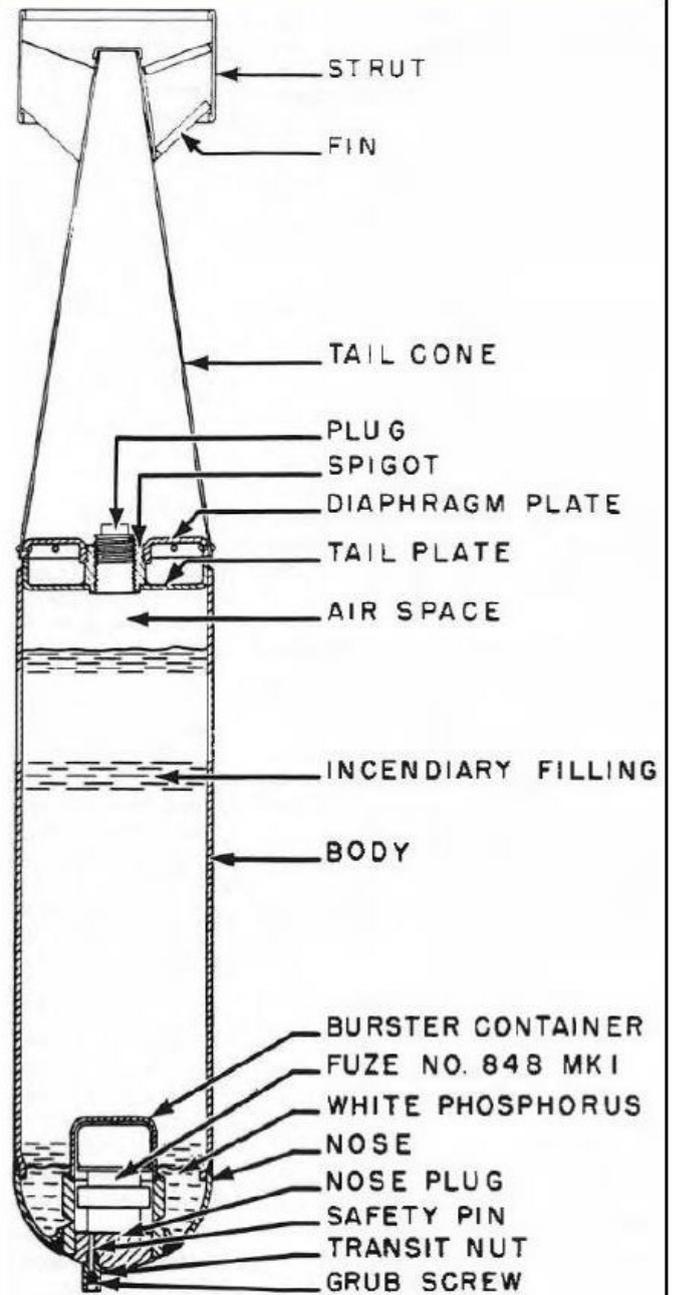


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Description | Hexagonal rod | Function | Anti-Structure (Cluster Incendiary) |
| Dimensions | 544mm x 85mm (21.4" x 3.3") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Magnesium body, Iron or Steel nose, Magnesium or Tin tail | Variations | Variants with explosive charge |

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30lb Phosphorus Incendiary Bomb



Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Description | Cylindrical with rounded nose and ring-bound four-fin tail | Function | Anti-Structure (Incendiary) |
| Dimensions | Total 831mm x 127mm (32.7" x 5") Body 457mm x 127mm (18" x 5") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | - |

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Anti-Aircraft Shells



3" AA Shell

3.7" AA Shell

3.7" AA Shell

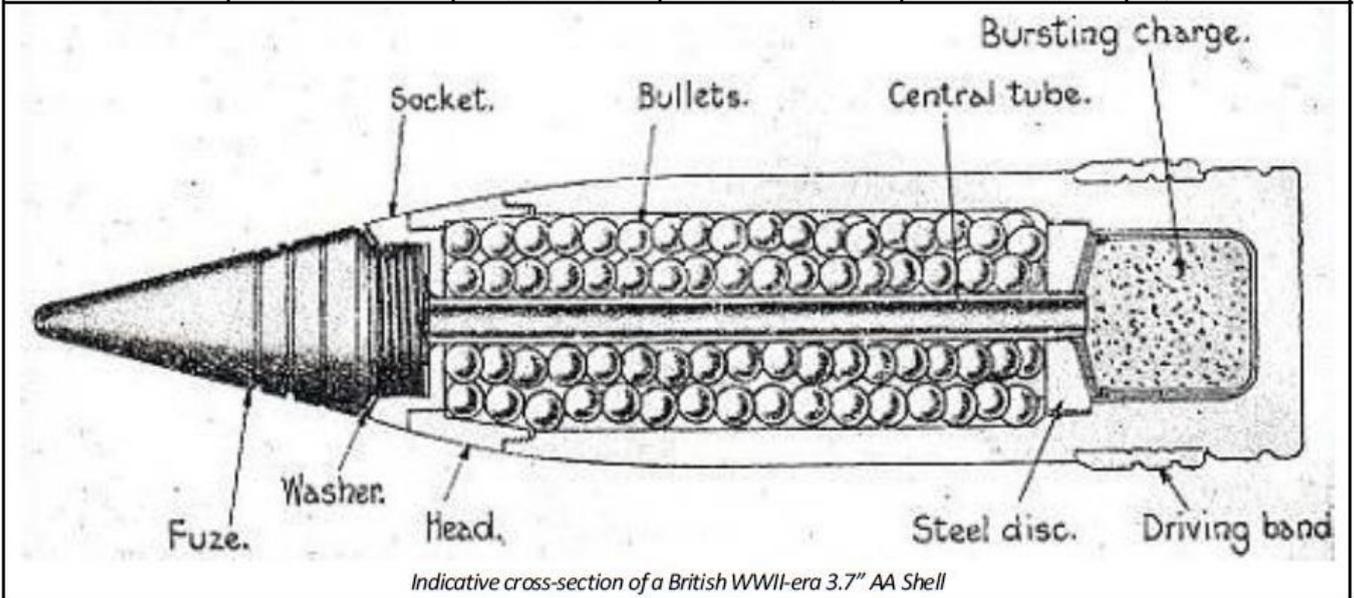
4.5" AA Shell

AA Nose Fuze

Anti-Aircraft (AA) guns are artillery pieces designed to engage aircraft. They may be classed as Heavy AA (HAA) or Light AA (LAA). HAA shells are typically streamlined, made of steel, and equipped with driving bands. They usually carry a High Explosive (HE) or shrapnel filling and use time or proximity fuzes. LAA guns are often autocannons. Indicative specifications for common British HAA shells are given below.

Specifications

| Shell | Dimensions | Shell | Dimensions | Shell | Dimensions |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 6-pdr <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 307mm x 57mm (12.1" x 2.2") | 13-pdr <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 294mm x 76mm (11.6" x 3") | 3.7" <i>(c. WWII)</i> | 675mm x 94mm (26.6" x 3.7") |
| 75mm <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 350mm x 75mm (13.8" x 3") | 3" <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 420mm x 76mm (16.5" x 3") | 4.5" <i>(c. WWII)</i> | 695mm x 113mm (27.4" x 4.5") |
| 12-pdr <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 445mm x 102mm (17.5" x 4") | 4" <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 445mm x 102mm (17.5" x 4") | 5.25" <i>(c. WWII)</i> | 782mm x 133mm (30.8" x 5.25") |



Indicative cross-section of a British WWII-era 3.7" AA Shell

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Artillery Shells



18-pdr



18-pdr



25-pdr HE & Smoke



25-pdr



Selection of artillery shells



105mm HE

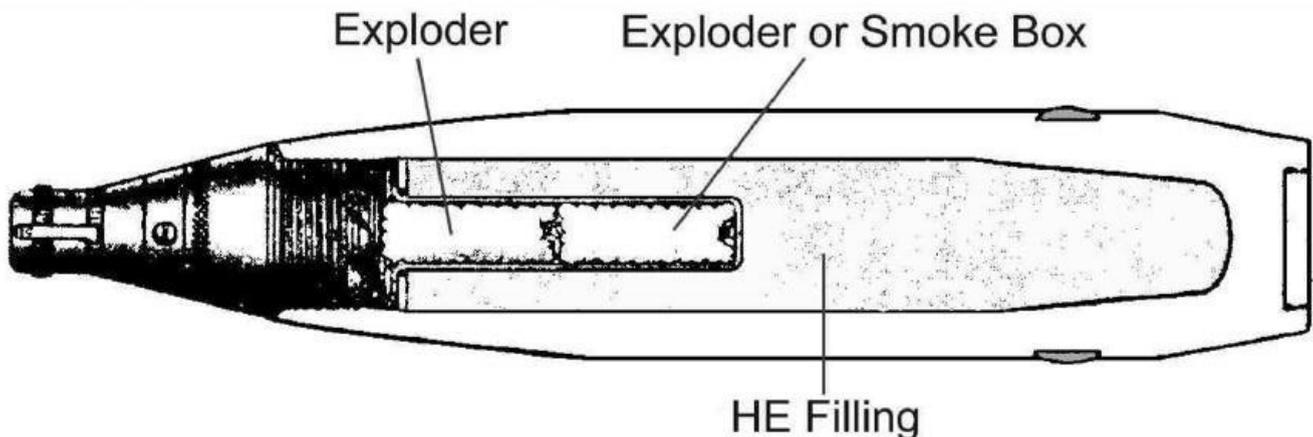
Artillery pieces are large calibre weapons that fulfil a range of battlefield roles. Their projectiles are typically steel and feature streamlined or rounded noses and one or more driving bands. They may also have a tapered base for aerodynamic performance.

Common functions include High Explosive (HE), Fragmentation, Anti-Tank (AT), Smoke, Incendiary, and Illumination. Chemical and sub-munition fillings are also possible. Activation methods vary, but Impact, Time, and Proximity fuzes are most common. These are typically found in the nose or base of the shell.

Because of the range of calibres, fillings, and fuzes that exist, the design and appearance of a shell can vary considerably. Indicative specifications for common 20th century British shells are given below.

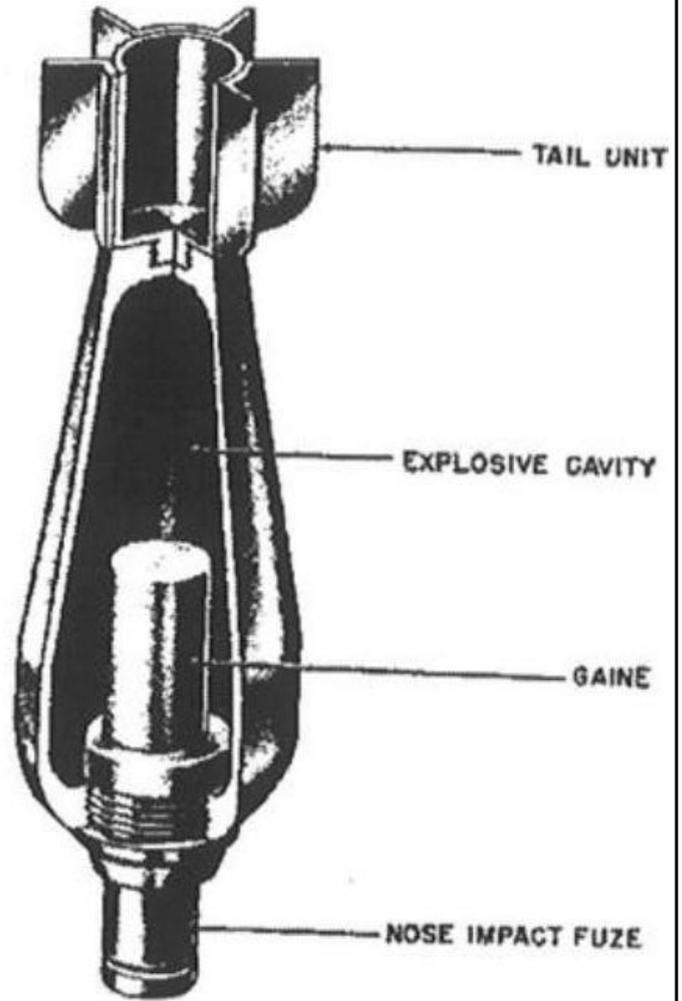
Specifications

| Shell | Dimensions | Shell | Dimensions | Shell | Dimensions |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 18-pdr <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 300mm x 84mm (11.8" x 3.3") | 8" Howitzer <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 720mm x 203mm (28.3" x 8") | 7.2" Howitzer <i>(c. WWII)</i> | 908mm x 189mm (35.7" x 7.2") |
| 4.5" Howitzer <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 408mm x 114mm (16.1" x 4.5") | 25-pdr <i>(c. WWII)</i> | 437mm x 88mm (17.2" x 3.5") | 105mm <i>(Post-WWII)</i> | 550mm x 105mm (21.6" x 4.1") |
| 6" Howitzer <i>(c. WWI)</i> | 597mm x 152mm (23.5" x 6") | 5.5" <i>(c. WWII)</i> | 728mm x 140mm (28.7" x 5.5") | 155mm <i>(Post-WWII)</i> | 873mm x 155mm (34.4" x 6.1") |



Indicative cross-section of a 25-pdr HE shell

1kg Anti-Personnel Bomb



Specifications

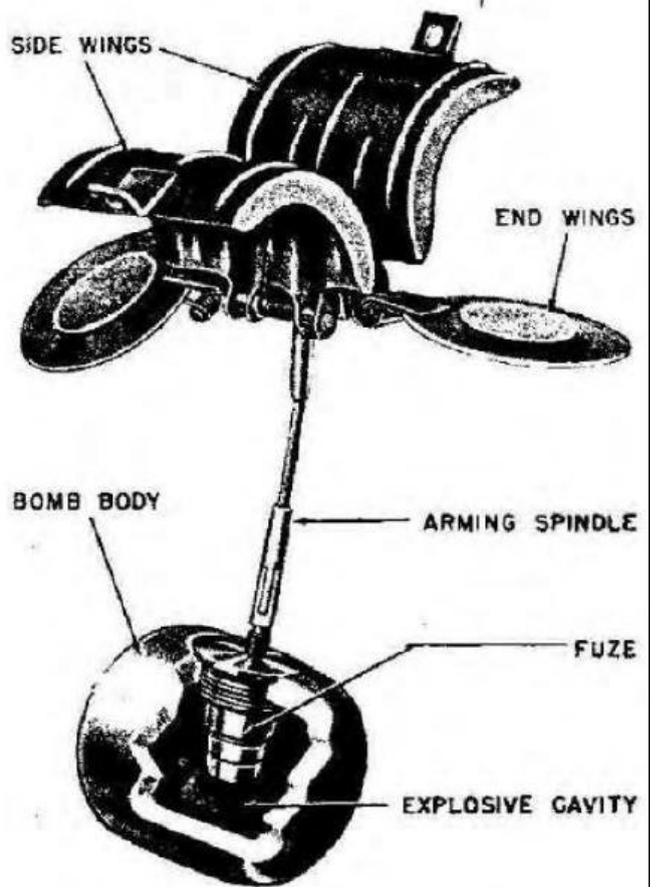
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| Description | Pear-shaped with prominent nose fuze and ring-bound eight-fin tail | Function | Anti-Personnel (Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 170mm x 50mm (6.7" x 2") Body 138mm x 50mm (5.4" x 2") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Variant with unshrouded six-fin tail and straight sides |

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2kg Anti-Personnel Bomb



2kg Anti-Personnel Bomb in closed and open configurations



Specifications

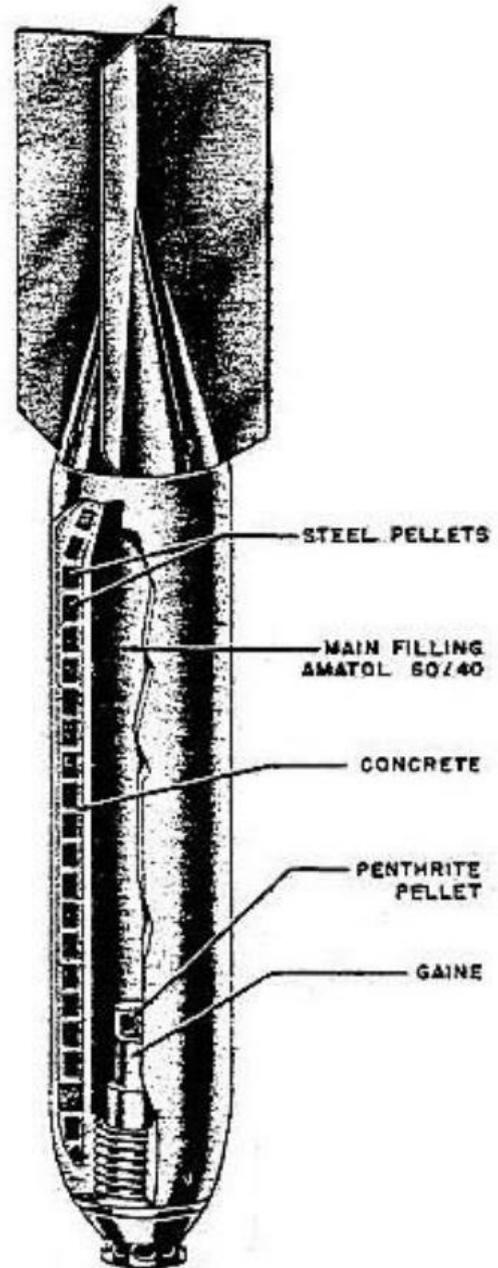
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| Description | Barrel-shaped body with prominent arming spindle and wings | Function | Anti-Personnel (Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 256mm x 228mm (10.1" x 9") Body 79mm x 76mm (3.1" x 3") | Activation by | Impact, Time, or Tamper fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | - |

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10kg Anti-Personnel Bomb



10kg Anti-Personnel Bomb variants in sub-munition container

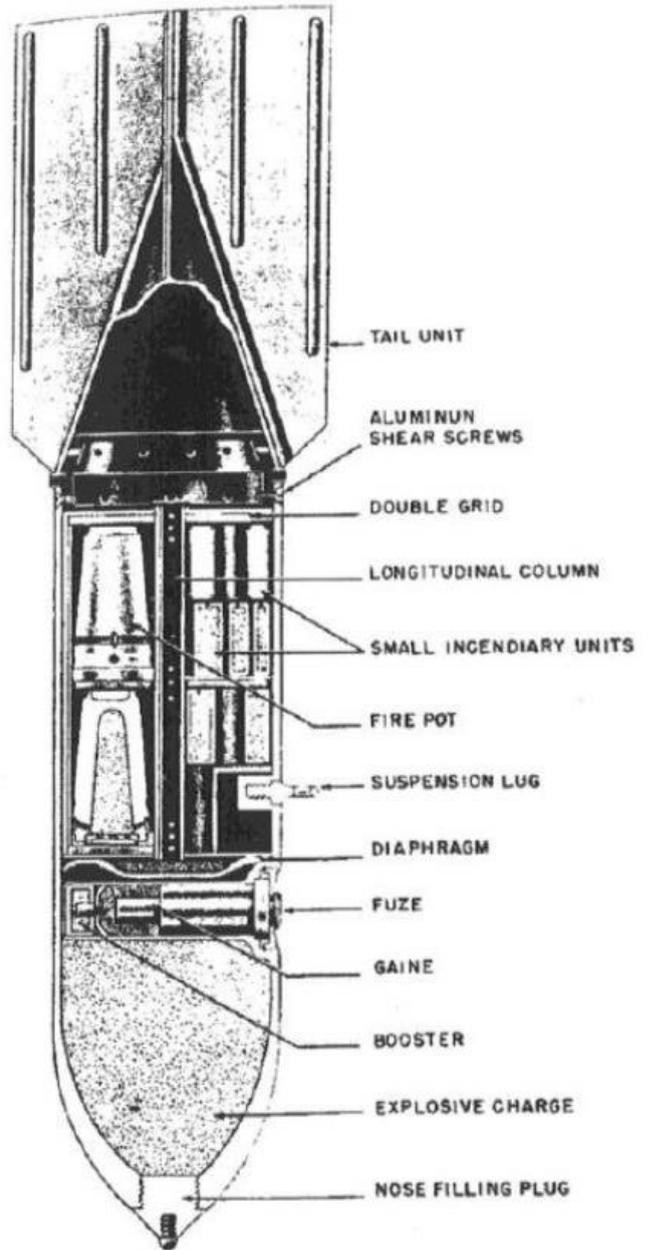
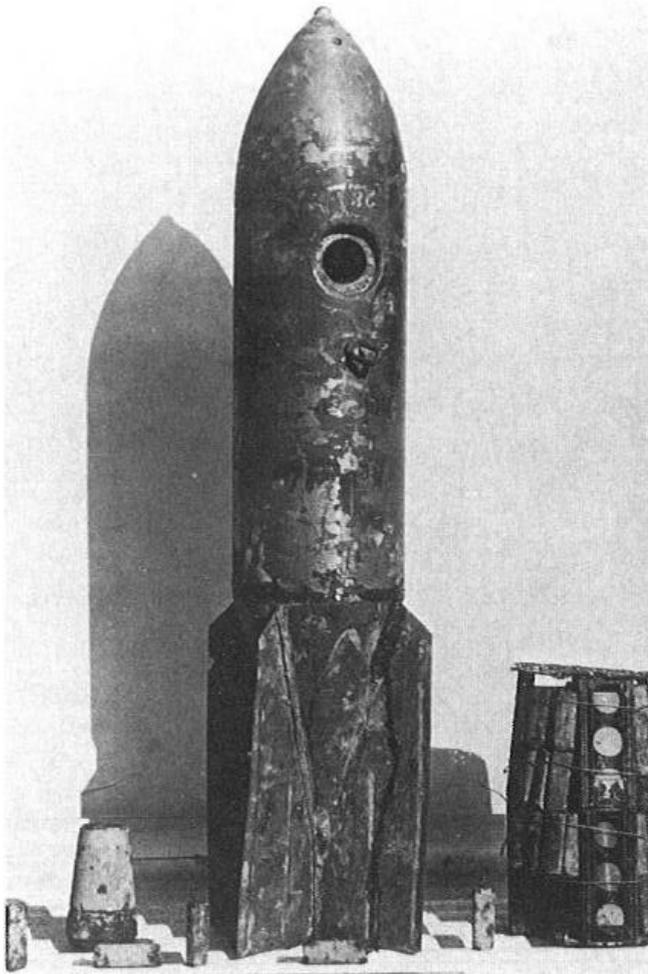


Specifications

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|--------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Description | Cylindrical body with nose cap and four-fin tail | Function | Anti-Personnel (Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 545mm x 120mm (21.5" x 4.7") Body 365mm x 86mm (14.4" x 3.4") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Variants with ribbed or tapering body and prominent nose cap |

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50kg Explosive Incendiary Bomb

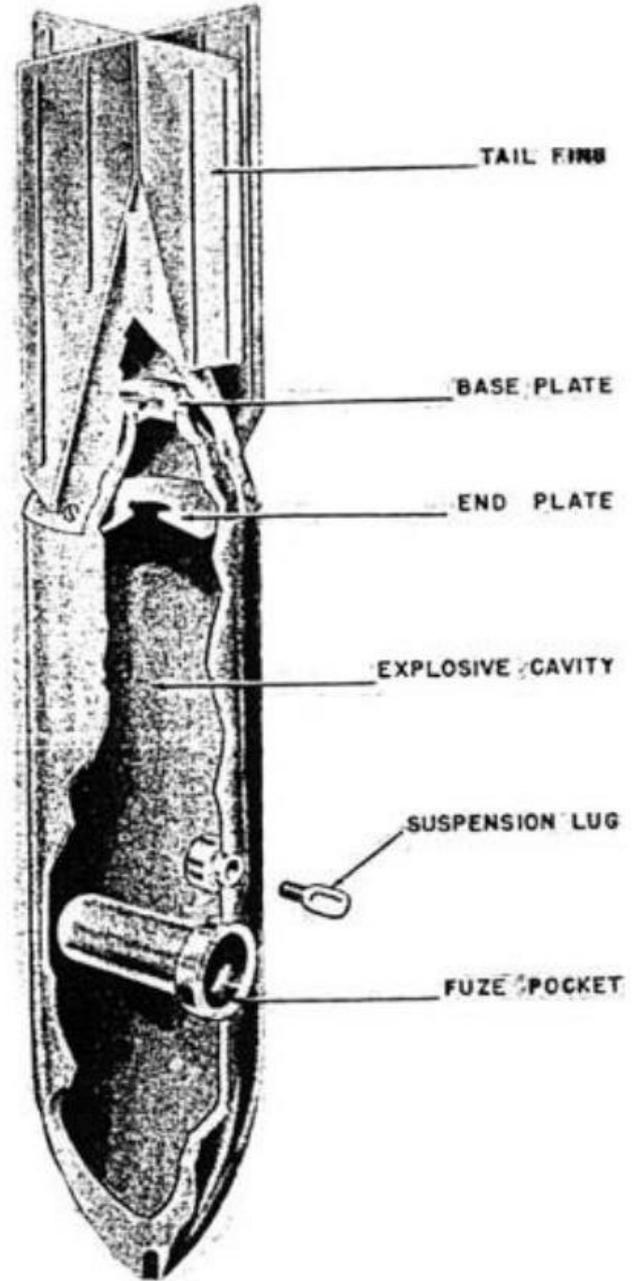


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Description | Cylindrical with pointed nose and four-fin tail | Function | Anti-structure (Incendiary) |
| Dimensions | Total 1100mm x 280mm (43.3" x 11") Body 670mm x 200mm (26.4" x 7.9") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Minor variations in length |

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50kg High Explosive Bomb

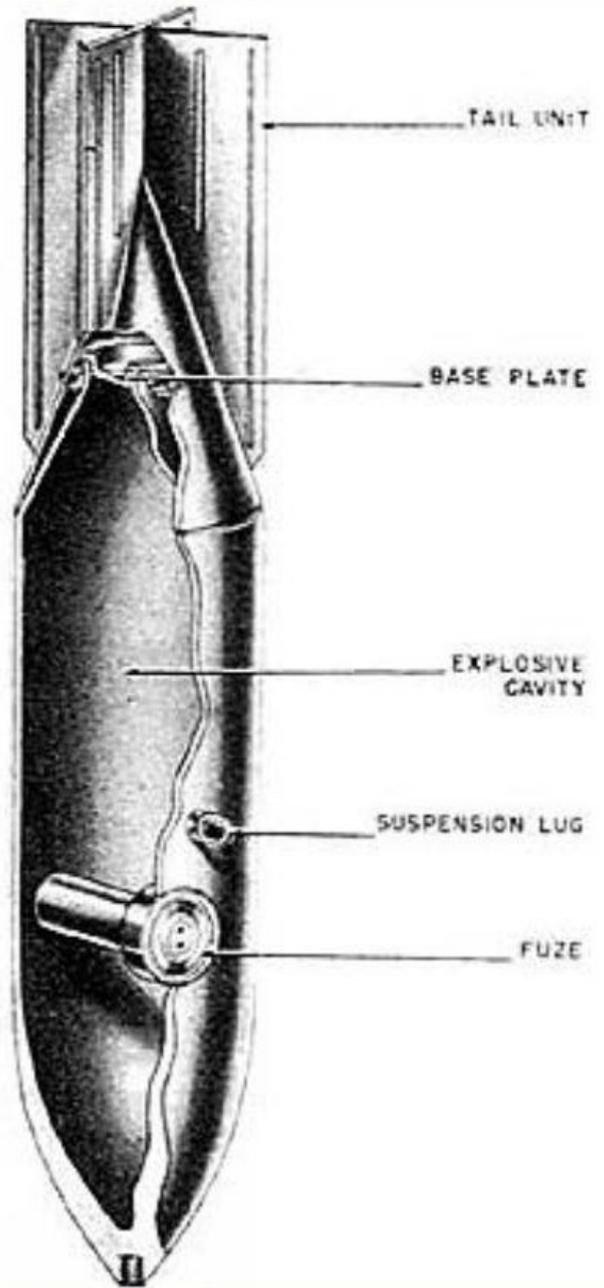


Specifications

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| Description | Cylindrical with pointed nose and four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 1090mm x 280mm (42.9" x 11") Body 766mm x 200mm (30.2" x 7.9") | Activation by | Impact, Time, or Tamper fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Minor variations in length |

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70kg High Explosive Bomb

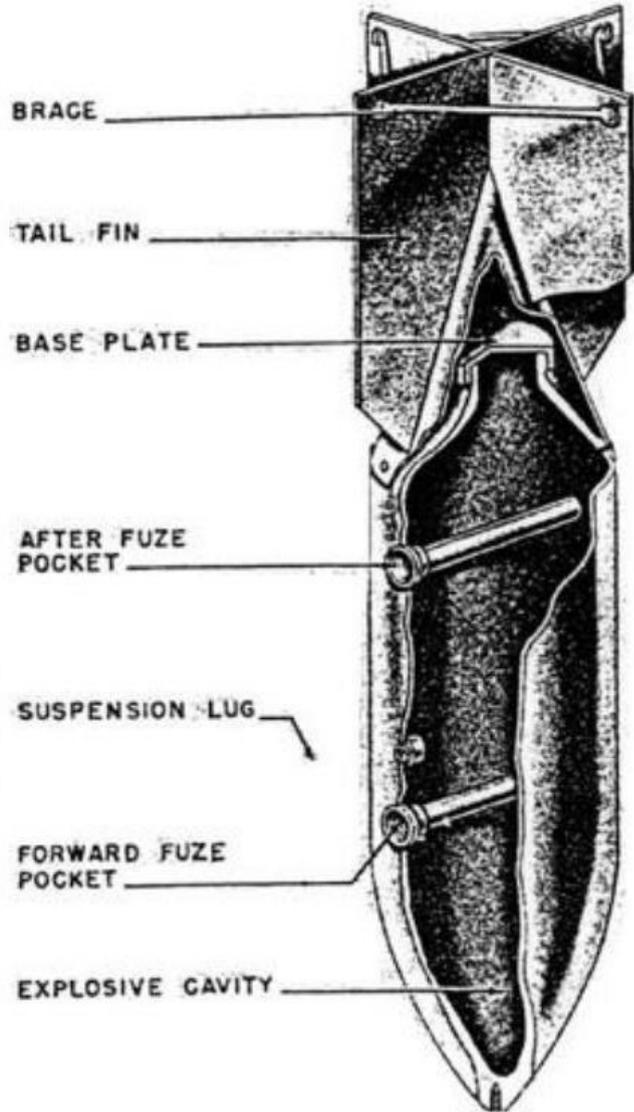


Specifications

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|--------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Description | Cylindrical with pointed nose and four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 1090mm x 240mm (42.9" x 9.5") Body 766mm x 200mm (30.2" x 7.9") | Activation by | Impact, Time, or Tamper fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Minor variations in length |

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250kg High Explosive Bomb

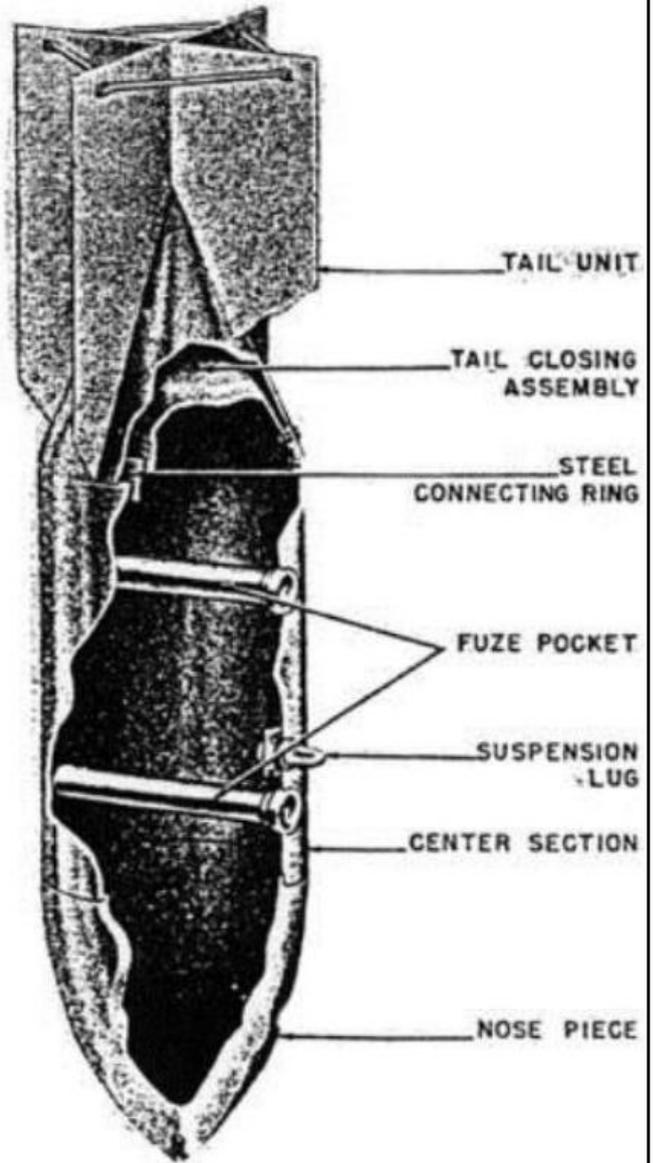


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Description | Cylindrical with pointed nose and braced four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 1640mm x 512mm (64.6" x 20.2") Body 1172mm x 368mm (46" x 14.5") | Activation by | Impact, Time, or Tamper fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Minor variations in length |

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500kg High Explosive Bomb

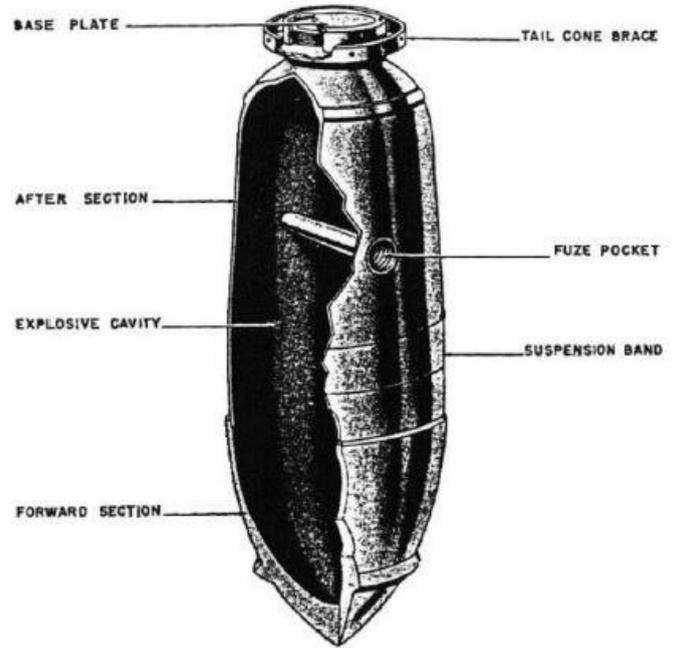


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Description | Cylindrical with pointed nose and braced or ring-bound four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 1957mm x 640mm (77" x 25.2") Body 1423mm x 470mm (56" x 18.5") | Activation by | Impact, Time, or Tamper fuze |
| Material | Steel body, Steel or Magnesium Alloy tail | Variations | Minor variations in length |

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1000kg High Explosive Bomb



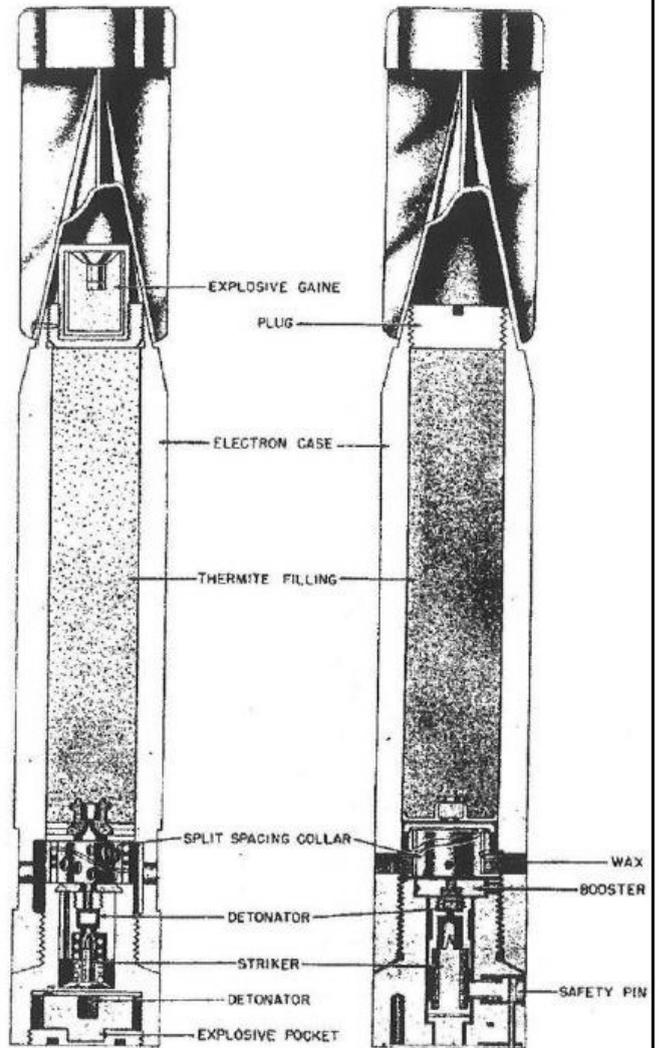
Specifications

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|--------------------|--|----------------------|---|
| Description | Cylindrical with pointed nose and braced or ring-bound four-fin tail | Function | General Purpose (Blast and Fragmentation) |
| Dimensions | Total 2800mm x 654mm (110.2" x 25.8") Body 1900mm x 654mm (74.8" x 25.8") | Activation by | Impact, Time, or Tamper fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Minor variations in length |

Bombs of 1000kg and above represent the heaviest air-dropped ordnance deployed by the Luftwaffe. They were dropped in relatively small numbers against high-value targets and/or large urban areas. Encounters with them are comparatively rare.

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1kg & 1.3kg Incendiary Bomb

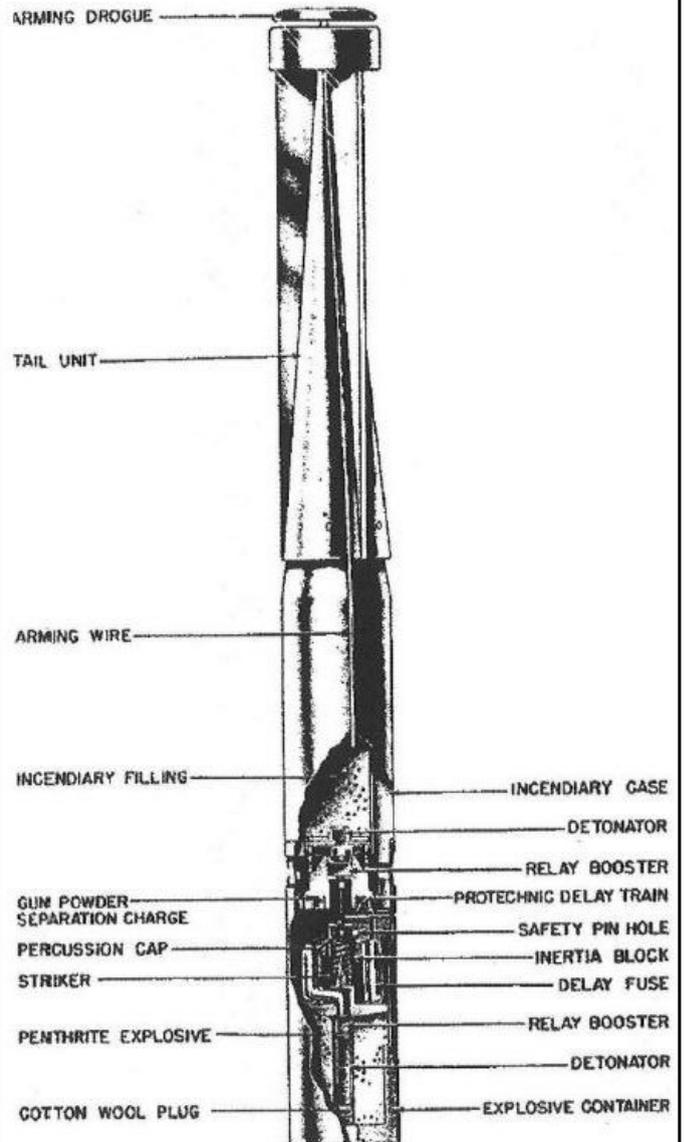


Specifications

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|--------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Description | Cylindrical with blunt or rounded nose and ring-bound three-fin tail | Function | Anti-Structure (Cluster Incendiary) |
| Dimensions | Total 350mm x 50mm (13.8" x 2") Body 230mm x 50mm (9.1" x 2") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Magnesium body, steel tail | Variations | Variants with explosive charge |

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2kg & 2.2kg Incendiary Bomb

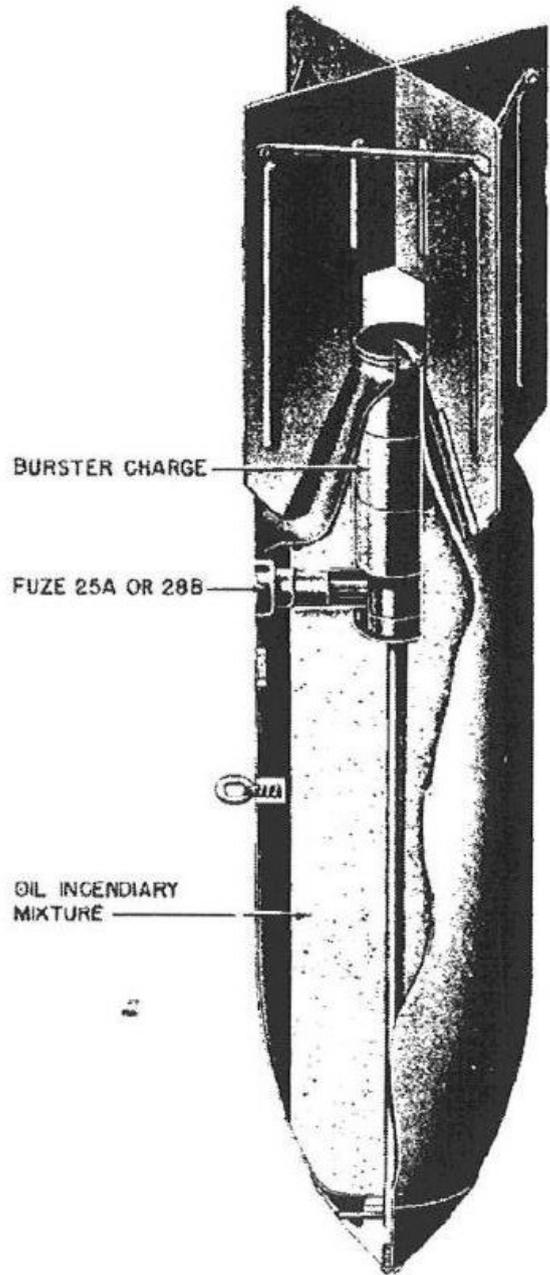


Specifications

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|--------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Description | Cylindrical with blunt or rounded nose and ring-bound three-fin tail | Function | Anti-Structure (Cluster Incendiary) |
| Dimensions | Total 525mm x 50mm (20.7" x 2") Body 405mm x 50mm (15.9" x 2") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Magnesium body, steel nose & tail | Variations | Variants with explosive charge |

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250kg Oil Bomb

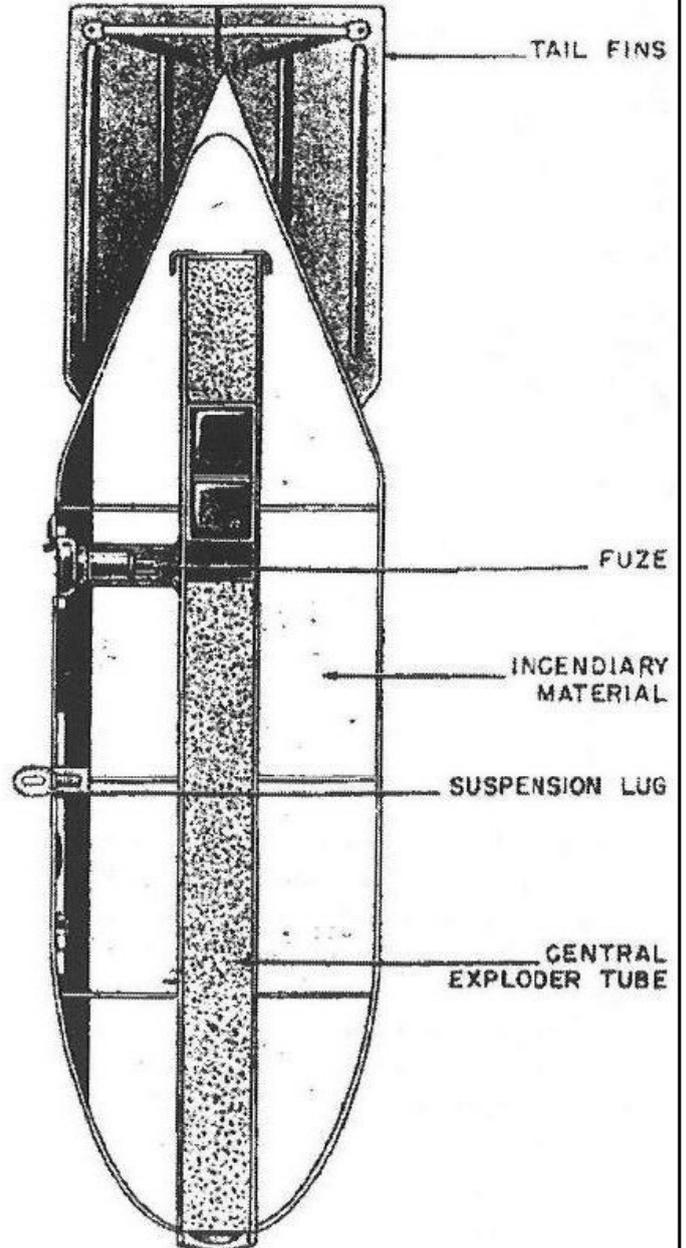


Specifications

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|--------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Description | Cylindrical with pointed nose and braced four-fin tail | Function | Anti-structure (Incendiary) |
| Dimensions | Total 1650mm x 512mm (65" x 20.2") Body 1200mm x 368mm (47.2 x 14.5") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Minor variations in length |

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500kg Oil Bomb



Specifications

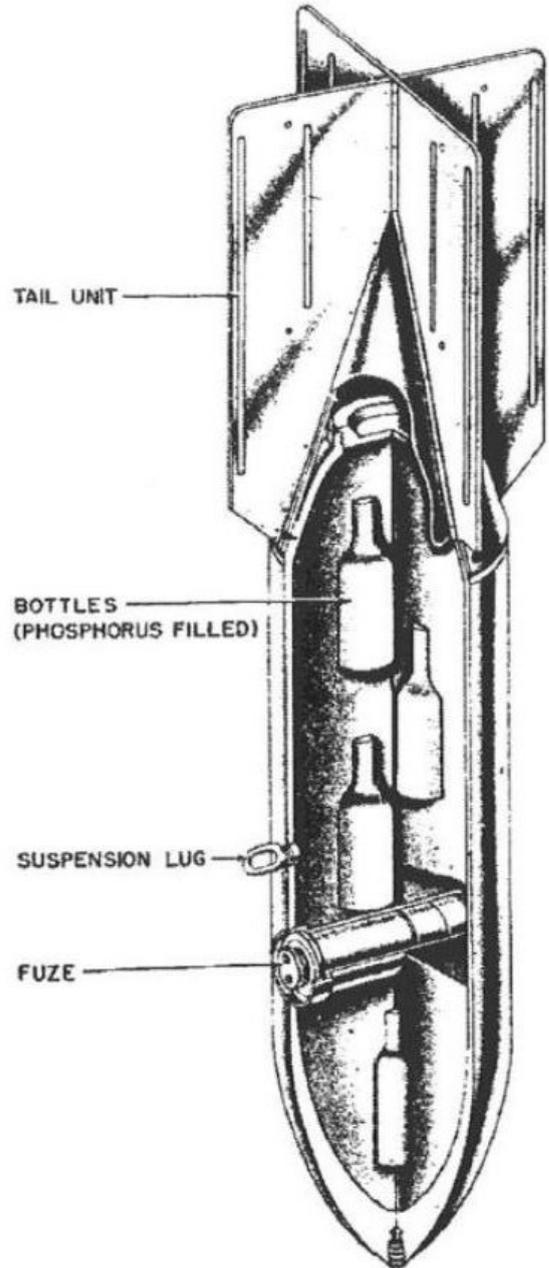
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| Description | Cylindrical with rounded nose and braced four-fin tail | Function | Anti-structure (Incendiary) |
| Dimensions | Total 1765mm x 457mm (69.5" x 18") Body 1575mm x 457mm (62" x 18") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | - |

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50kg Phosphorus Incendiary Bomb



Glass fragments from Phosphorus Incendiary Bomb

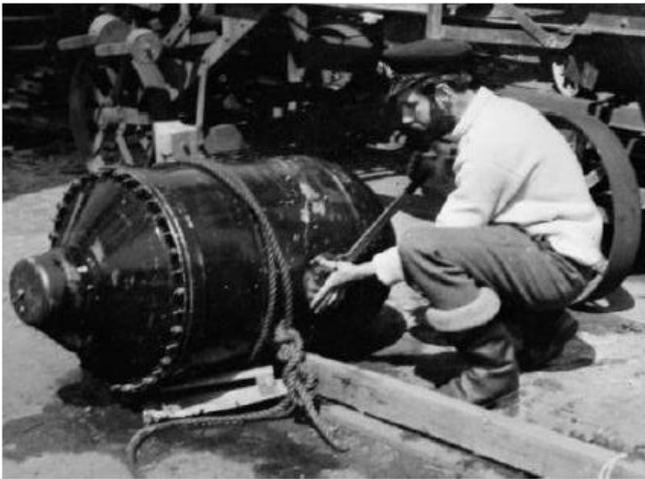
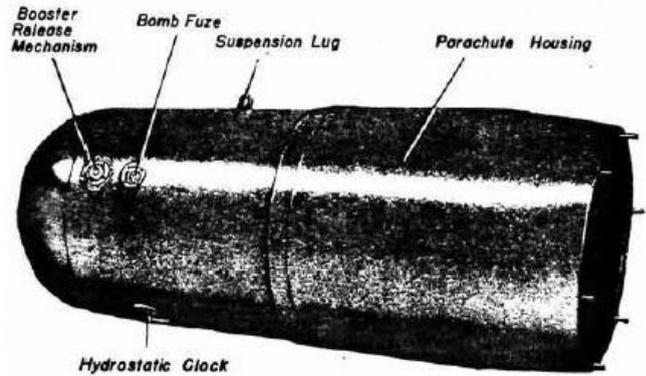


Specifications

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|--------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| Description | Cylindrical with pointed nose and four-fin tail | Function | Anti-structure (Incendiary) |
| Dimensions | Total 1100mm x 280mm (43.3" x 11") Body 775mm x 200mm (30.5" x 7.9") | Activation by | Impact fuze |
| Material | Steel | Variations | Variants with rounded-off nose and large locking screw |

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500kg Parachute Mine

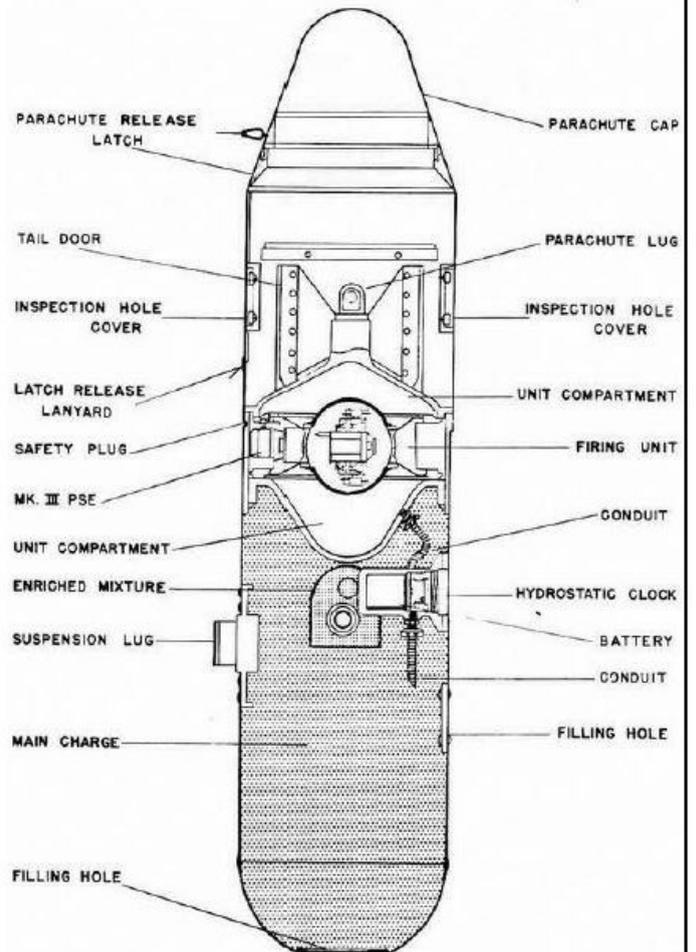


Specifications

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| Description | Cylindrical body with blunted hemispherical nose and tail cones | Function | Anti-Shipping (Buoyant Mine) Anti-Structure (Blast) |
| Dimensions | Total 2070mm x 660mm (81.5" x 26") Body 1638mm x 660mm (64.5" x 26") | Activation by | Time and Hydrostatic Magnetic or Magnetic-Acoustic fuze |
| Material | Aluminium | Variations | - |

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1000kg Parachute Mine



Specifications

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|--------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Description | Cylindrical body with blunted hemispherical nose and tail cones | Function | Anti-Shipping (Buoyant Mine) Anti-Structure (Blast) |
| Dimensions | Total 2985mm x 660mm (117.5" x 26") Body 1740mm x 660mm (68.5" x 26") | Activation by | Time and Hydrostatic Magnetic or Magnetic-Acoustic fuze |
| Material | Aluminium | Variations | - |

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