

2 Pounder Anti-Aircraft Gun (Pom Pom)

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The 2 Pounder Anti-Aircraft Gun



In 1937 it was decided to adopt the Naval 2 Pounder Anti-Aircraft gun for land use, this was at the same time as when the Bofors was also adapted. It soon became clear that the Bofors was a far more effective weapon and so only very few were used, these were used positioned near ports and naval installations. When production of Bofors reached sufficient numbers these guns were replaced and sent to the navy for ship use.

Ground weapons came in both single and dual mountings, naval versions also had quad and eight gun mounting.

2 Pounder Anti-Aircraft Gun Data

Weight of gun and breech	1250 lb
Total length	96 in
Length of bore	62 in
Rifling	12 grooves, 1/30
Elevation	0-80 degrees
Traverse	360 degrees
Weight of projectile	68 lb
Rate of fire	60
Projectile weight	21 lb
Muzzle velocity	2175 fps

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Max 7500 yards range
Max 6000 feet

Production of 2 Pounder Anti-Aircraft guns by year (UK only)

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2p 2045 Guns
Sing 847 Mounting
Dual 7019
HE 3,050 3,278

Sources - British & American Artillery of WWII, AVIA 22
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