

# 60 Pounder Gun

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## The 60 Pounder Gun



The 60 Pounder can be dated back before the First World War where it had been developed as an improvement of the naval 4.7" guns used on field carriages in South Africa. By the beginning of the Second World War some of the guns were still in service but were obviously obsolete and were to be replaced with the 4.5" and 5.5" medium guns. Production of these new weapons were slow and so the 60 Pounder remained in service, some were used in North Africa and were still being used as training equipment until the end of 1944.

## 60 Pounder Gun characteristics

Weight	4,900 lb	gun and breech
Total length	102.25"	
Length of bore	85"	
Rifling	32 grooves	1/30
Max Elevation	45	degrees
Traverse	45	degrees left/right
Weight	12,046 lb	on

## Ammunition data

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Type	HE
Weight	160lb
Muzzle velocity	2,125fps
Maximum range	16,400 yards

Production and conversion of 60pdr equipment (UK only) \*No ammunition data listed past June 1940

	Pr	Sc	1939
60pdr to 29			Dec 1939
60pdr to 46			Aug 40
60pdr to 54			May 40
60pdr to 57			Apr 40