

# Royal Marine unit ditches army rifle

A high-profile British Royal Marine unit tasked with protecting the UK's nuclear weapons is the first non-special forces unit to completely drop the standard SA-80 rifle for the Colt Canada C8 Diemaco carbine

**Diemaco C8-CQB:** Also known as L119 carbine.

Short 25.4-cm barrel for counter terrorism close-quarter battle

**Calibre:** 5.56x45mm standard NATO round

**Muzzle Velocity:** 900m/sec. 43 Commando, Royal Marines will use low-velocity round to reduce ricochet and limit collateral damage

**Weight: 3.86kg**

Loaded plus optical sight

Multi-position telescoping buttstock

Flash suppressor

**Picatinny rails:**

Allow use of accessories such as lasers, torches and grenade launchers

**Feed:** 30-round magazine

**Rate-of-Fire:** 900 rounds per minute

**Ambidextrous controls:** Allow right- or left-handed operation

**SA80-A2 assault rifle:** Used by British Army since 1985

**Weight: 4.98kg**

Loaded plus optical sight

Suffered repeated ammunition jams when used in Afghanistan. Upgraded in 2002 at cost of £92m. More than 100 parts modified since it was first introduced