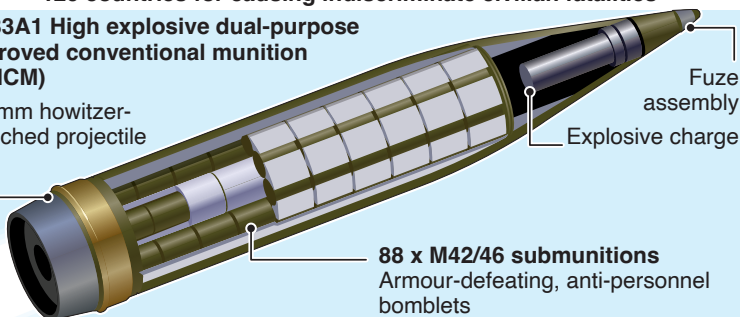


# U.S. to supply cluster bombs to Ukraine

The U.S. believes cluster munitions could be critical for Ukraine against entrenched Russian positions, but they are banned in over 120 countries for causing indiscriminate civilian fatalities

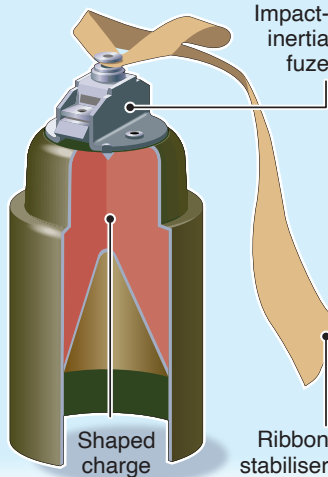
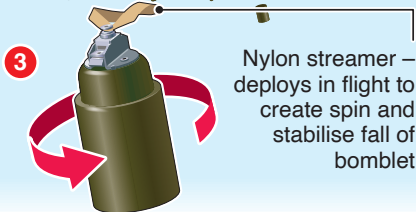
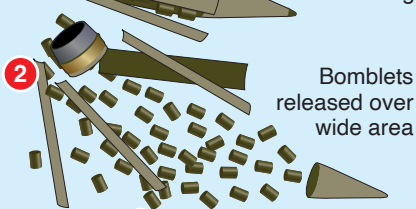
**M483A1 High explosive dual-purpose improved conventional munition (DPICM)**

155mm howitzer-launched projectile



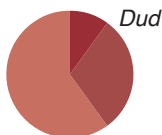
**88 x M42/46 submunitions**

Armour-defeating, anti-personnel bomblets

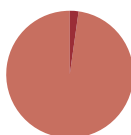


## “DUD” RATE

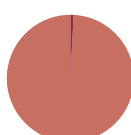
Significant number do not explode on initial impact. International Red Cross found failure – or “dud” – rate of 10-40% in recent conflicts



**M42/46: Typical dud rate <2.35%**



**Permitted for export: <1%**



**2021: Of 141 casualties from cluster bomb remnants, 97% were civilian**

Sources: Global Security, CAT-UXO

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