

Russia taps North Korea for weapons

Russia is apparently looking to acquire weapons from North Korea to replenish its stockpiles amid Moscow's ongoing war in Ukraine

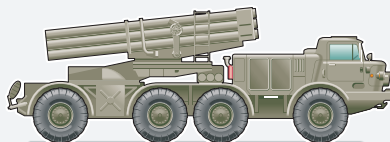


AMMUNITION SUPPLY

North's vast stockpile of Soviet-era bullets and artillery rounds is compatible with Russian systems but may be of lower quality

■ **Artillery:** Key to war effort would be 122mm and 152mm shells, as well as 120mm mortar rounds.
Russia fired 12 million shells in 2022 but its arms factories are estimated to produce only 2.5 million per year

■ **Rockets:** Most likely weapons could be 107mm Katyusha and 122mm rocket launchers



BM-27 multiple rocket launcher

■ **Small arms:** Ammunition for machine guns and AK-47 rifles

MAIN BATTLE TANKS



T-62

Pyongyang has ample stocks of T-54 and T-62 tanks – outdated models that Moscow has resorted to using in Ukraine – and could supply spare parts

MISSILE STOCKS

■ **Anti-tank/surface-to-air missiles:** Quality of North Korean arms may not match newest weapons sent by U.S. and its allies to Ukraine

■ **Surface-to-surface missiles:** Russia does not have launchers for North's Scud and other missiles, so Pyongyang would need to send launch platforms as well

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