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Mikhail Timofeyevich Kalashnikov started working on the design of the AK 47 in 1944. By 1949 the 7.62 Avtomat Kalashnikova obrazetza 1947g (7.62 *Automatic Kalashnikov Rifle Model of 1947g*) was put into full production and was issued to troops that same year. Chambered for the 7.62x39 cartridge and still carried today by many Armies.

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