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# AMMUNITION STOCKPILING AND STORAGE

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In every survival situation where the routine use of firearms directly affects a person's survival probability (i.e., a soldier at war, a policeman on the street, etc.), eventually a time comes when the ammunition supply is exhausted. In times of war, during a firefight, a soldier's lifespan can be measured by the amount of ammunition he is carrying. In a worst-case scenario, the soldier (that's YOU!) will probably not be able to run down to the local gun shop and "pick up a case or two". If you run out of ammunition, the game is OVER.

Let's think about that for a moment. At this time in the United States of America, you can at this moment drive down to your nearest K-Mart and purchase ammunition in military calibers of 9mm, 45 Cal., .308 Winchester and .223 Remington, as easy as you might buy a loaf of bread. Not so in other countries. In most of the rest of the world, it is illegal for a private citizen to own a military type firearm. Even should you pass all the paperwork, registration, etc., the firearms you are permitted to buy are almost always in a non-military caliber (such as .222 instead of .223).

The concerted efforts put forth by certain power groups to ban and eventually confiscate all private firearms are phases of a PLAN, that plan being to destabilize the United States Government, with the eventual abolishment of the Constitution and establishment of a ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT, with the USA being one of ten global regions. A constitutional republic, with its free, firearm-toting citizens, has no part in the new "Global Economy". How long will the traitors in Washington wait until they attempt to restrict/ban or confiscate, first ammunition for the "evil" assault weapons, and then of course, all weapons? Not long, you can be sure.

When considering how much and what kind of ammunition to store, we must differentiate between the 3 main types of ammunition that you as a survivalist may be familiar with, those being commercial manufacture, military surplus, and commercial re-manufacture (reloads). Personal manufacture will be discussed in a separate article "Survival Reloading".

Before purchasing ammunition, you must learn a few basic terms that you will see in the mail orders ads. "BE" means Berdan priming (NOT RELOADABLE), "BX" means Boxer Priming (reloadable) and will be what you're looking for MOST of the time. "NC" means Non-Corrosive which is what you want. STAY AWAY from "C" or "COR" which means CORROSIVE PRIMERS. These will DESTROY your weapon if not cleaned in a few HOURS. Always assume corrosive if not stated. If the ammo is cheap, BEWARE!

### COMMERCIAL MANUFACTURE

This type is available at ordinary retail outlets. Some manufacturers are Remington, Winchester, PMC, Hansen, Federal and Samson. All components are new. Winchester Military, Hansen and PMC are probably the best priced (best buys are .22 cal, 9mm, and .45 cal). Have your dealer order from Shotgun News (Hastings, NE) or order direct from:

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Atlanta Discount Ammo  
P.O. Box 627  
Norcross, GA 30091

Oklahoma Ammunition  
4310-4321 W. Rogers Blvd.  
Skiatook, OK 74070

## MILITARY SURPLUS

This type is available through mail order. Unless you are an ordnance expert, I would suggest you NOT buy any surplus ammunition at gun shows. You never know what you are getting. Most surplus ammunition is Berdan primed and is NOT reloadable. The best surplus buys are usually .308 Winchester ranging from \$130-\$160 per thousand. Commercial manufactured .308 is about \$240 or more per thousand.

Paragon Sales  
P.O. Box 2022  
Joliet, IL 60434

SARCO  
323 Union St  
Stirling, NJ 07980

SAMCO  
P.O. Box 7323  
Miami, FL 33152

## COMMERCIAL REMANUFACTURED

Next to reloading yourself, mail ordered reloads are the least expensive way to stockpile ammunition. Most reloads (especially rifle) are manufactured from once fired G.I. brass and new components. With reloads, it's cheaper to practice with your AR-15 (\$125 per M), than your 9mm ! (\$140 per M) Order these by mail and don't forget the freight charges.

D & S Mfg.  
Rt. 1 Box 381  
Spring Bridge Rd  
Greenbush, ME 04475

B & G Bullets  
P.O. Box 14313  
Oklahoma City, OK 73114

Tennessee Cartridge  
P.O. Box 228  
Oakland, TN 38060

Pro Max Munitions  
Box 75036  
Oklahoma City, OK 73147

Precision Ctrg  
176 Eastside Road  
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Wilderness Supply  
P.O. Box 5278  
Tucson, AZ 95703

The least expensive bulk-packed .223 ammunition, at \$15 per thousand rounds (FOB) is available from:

Dallas Reloading  
P.O. Box 31870-904  
Dallas, TX 75231

Discounts on ammunition purchases can sometimes be obtained in three different ways. Dealers (FFL or sporting business) can obtain varying discounts of between 15% to 25% depending upon the brand name, distributor, etc. Usually a minimum dollar amount is required for the order. Your survival group should establish one or two individuals as dealers (letterhead, business card, etc.) for the purpose of purchasing equipment. An FFL is NOT required for ammunition. On commercial reloads, because you are dealing with a small business (such as yourself), discounts can be negotiated for bulk orders (5-10,000 rounds) and sometimes for "blemished" or "stained" ammunition.

When purchasing military ammunition you will almost always be purchasing copper jacketed "ball" ammunition. You will sometimes see the initials "FMJ", meaning "Full Metal Jacket". This is the least expensive. Other initials such as "SP" (soft point) or "HP" (hollow point) are available but are much more expensive. In addition, hollow point pistol ammunition is known for its failure to feed, especially in the .45 Government pistol. "AP" ammunition is "Armor Piercing" and is designed to penetrate various thicknesses of steel plate. Most available AP ammunition is considered "collectors items" and can only be obtained at gun shows for upwards of \$1.00 per round. The closest most people can come to "AP" ordnance is the

new SS109 "Penetrator" round now in use by the military. It is a 62 gr. bullet containing a steel alloy "Penetrator" and is very useful for thick-skinned predators (2- and 4-footed). The least expensive military SS109 available is late 1980's manufacture Canadian and is available from:

Golden State Distributors                      \$165 per thousand  
630 Mary Ann Drive  
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

For long-term storage, nothing beats the .30 cal military ammo can available at gun shows for about 2 for \$5.00. Never pay more than \$3.00 for an ammo can. Make sure the SEAL is new. The inside of the can should smell like fresh paint. Store your ammunition in plastic Ziplock bags of 50-100 rounds. Always use a moisture-absorbing desiccant inside the can to keep everything dry.

To become an expert at ammunition and weapon storage, send \$5.00 to the gentlemen at S.Y.G. Company. Their storage techniques are centuries ahead of most other "experts".

S.Y.G. Company                                      Catalog \$5.00  
P.O. Box 689  
Ashland City, TN 37015

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