

U.S. MILITARY RIFLES AND BAYONETS

The following table lists the most common U.S. military cartridge rifles, their chambering, along with the most common bayonet types used with each. This list is not exhaustive, but is intended as a quick reference that covers the types most commonly encountered by today's collectors.

A Note Regarding Nomenclature: The blade configuration is listed, in parentheses, following the type. There is no precise dividing line between what blade length constitutes a knife bayonet vs. a sword bayonet. Blades 10-inches or shorter are typically considered knife bayonets. Blades over 12-inches are typically considered sword bayonets. Within the 10-12 inch range, terms are not consistently applied. For purposes of this chart, I have designated any blade over 10 inches as a sword bayonet.

| Rifle | Cartridge | Bayonet (type) | Primary Period of Service |
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| Springfield Rifle M1873 (Trapdoor) | .45-70 Government | M1873 (socket) | 1873-1893 |
| Springfield Cadet Rifle (Trapdoor) | .45-70 Government | M1873 Cadet (socket) | 1873-1893 |
| Springfield Carbine M1873 (Trapdoor) | .45-70 Government | None | 1873-1893 |
| Springfield Rifle M1888 (Trapdoor) | .45-70 Government | M1888 (rod bayonet) | 1888-1893 |
| Magazine Rifle M1892 (Krag-Jorgensen) | .30 Government (.30-40) | M1892 (sword) | 1894-1902 |
| Magazine Rifle M1896 (Krag-Jorgensen) | .30 Government (.30-40) | M1892 (sword) | 1896-1902 |
| Magazine Carbine M1896 (Krag-Jorgensen) | .30 Government (.30-40) | None | 1896-1902 |
| Magazine Rifle M1898 (Krag-Jorgensen) | .30 Government (.30-40) | M1892 (sword) | 1898-1902 |
| Magazine Carbine M1898 (Krag-Jorgensen) | .30 Government (.30-40) | None | 1898-1902 |

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| Magazine Carbine M1899 (Krag-Jorgensen) | .30 Government (.30-40) | None | 1899-1902 |
| U.S. Rifle M1903 | .30 Model 1903 (.30-03) | M1903 (rod bayonet) | 1903-1906 |
| U.S Rifle M1903 | .30 Model 1906 (.30-06) | M1905 (sword) | 1906-1945 |
| U.S. Rifle Model of 1917 | .30-06 | M1917 (sword) | 1917-1918 |
| U.S Rifle M1903A1 | .30-06 | M1905 (sword) | 1930-1945 |
| U.S. Rifle M-1 (Garand) | .30-06 | M1905 (sword) M1 (knife) M1905E1 (knife) [cut down M1905] M5 (knife) M-5A1 (knife) | 1936-1957 |
| U.S. Carbine M-1 | .30 Carbine | M4 (knife) [WW II] M4 (knife) [Post-War] | 1942-1964 |
| U.S Rifle M1903A3 | .30-06 | M1905 (sword) M1 (knife) M1905E1 (knife) [cut down M1905] | 1942-1945 |
| U.S. Rifle M-14 | 7.62 x 51 mm. NATO (.308 Winchester) | M6 (knife) | 1958-1964 |
| U.S. Rifle M-16A1 | 5.56 x 45 mm. (.223 Remington) | M7 (knife) | 1964-1984 |
| U.S. Rifle M-16A2 | 5.56 x 45 mm. (.223 Remington) | M7 (knife) M9 (knife) OKC-3S (knife) [USMC] | 1985-Present |
| U.S. Carbine M-4 | 5.56 x 45 mm. (.223 Remington) | M7 (knife) M9 (knife) OKC-3S (knife) [USMC] | 1994-Present |