



Nag Mark 2 Anti-Tank Guided Missile

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India successfully conducted field trials of the indigenously developed **Nag Mk 2 [Anti-Tank Guided Missile \(ATGM\)](#)** at **Pokhran Field Firing Range** in Rajasthan.

Nag Mk 2 Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)

Developed By	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Type and Functionality	It is a third-generation, all-weather, fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile with lock-on after launch capability , allowing it to autonomously track and engage targets .
Effectiveness	It is designed to neutralize modern armoured vehicles , including those with Explosive Reactive Armour (ERA) , using a tandem high-explosive anti-tank (HEAT) warhead for enhanced destructive power.
Range	7 to 10 kilometres . Its predecessor was the Nag Mark 1 (4 km range).
Attack Modes	It features a top-attack capability , targeting the vulnerable upper surface of armoured vehicles.
Launch Platform	The Nag Mk-2 is launched from the NAMICA (Nag Missile Carrier) Version 2 . <ul style="list-style-type: none">NAMICA is an anti-tank armored vehicle or tank destroyer vehicle used by the Indian Army to launch anti-tank missiles.



TANK KILLERS

➤ Anti-tank guided missiles (ATGMs) are meant to **destroy advancing enemy armoured units**

➤ Range from shoulder-launched to larger tripod-mounted systems for infantry soldiers

➤ Army has a shocking **60% shortage** in its 'authorised holding' of ATGMs

➤ **Big operational gap**, especially on the western front with Pakistan

➤ Army demanding **3rd-generation ATGMs** with

night-fighting capabilities & higher range for a decade

➤ Defence Acquisitions Council in June 2009 gave nod for 8,356 ATGMs, 321 launchers & 15 simulators for ₹3,200 crore

➤ This included transfer of

technology to Bharat Dynamics for mass production

➤ Israeli company Rafael's **Spike ATGM** underwent trials in a single-vendor situation. Tender scrapped in late-2017

➤ Separate process to acquire **Javelin ATGMs** from US also didn't materialise



Infantry battalions making do with 2nd-Generation Milan (2 km) & Konkurs (4 km) ATGMs



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