

NZART ID: 23 **Arm Type: Rifle,** **Date of Draft: (V1) 19 March 2012,** **Compiled by: Phil Cregeen**

Pattern: Individual Weapon Steyr Aug, **Introduced in to NZ Service:** 1988, **Withdrawn:** In Service

Maker: Thale, Lithgow, Australia, **Calibre:** 5.56 mm, **Barrel length:** 350 mm, 407 mm, 508 mm

OA Length: 650 mm, 715 mm, 800 mm, **Type of Action:** selective fire, **Weight:** 3.6 Kg, 3.65 Kg, 3.83 Kg

Magazine: 30 rounds, **Sights:** optical x 1.5, **Bayonet:** 302 mm Knife type with wire cutter.



The Individual Weapon (IW) Steyr is a 5.56mm assault rifle and is the primary small arms weapon used by the NZDF (New Zealand Defence Force). It is of Austrian design and made in Australia under licence by Thales in Lithgow.

The weapon can be configured with one of two standard barrel lengths, and there are a number that are also fitted with M203 Grenade Launchers. The weapon was introduced into service with NZDF in 1988.

The weapon has an automatic or semi automatic capability and is supplied with a 30 round magazine, sling and cleaning kit. The Steyr is equipped with an optical x 1.5 magnification sight and is capable of accurate fire up to 300 meters.



The first 5,000 weapons delivered were manufactured in Austria by Steyr Daimler Puch. The majority of weapons now in service are the Australian ADI-made Austeyr F88 variant. It is called the **IW Steyr** (Individual Weapon Steyr) in service of the New Zealand Defence Force.



Steyr Bayonet

Acknowledgements: <http://www.army.mil.nz> March 2012

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steyr_AUG

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