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MISSILES

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Missiles are self-propelled guided weapons systems designed to deliver an explosive payload to a target. They are used in various military applications and can be classified based on their launch platform, range, and purpose.

Here are some key types of missiles:

1. Based on Launch Platform:

Surface-to-Surface Missiles (SSM): Launched from ground to target ground-based objectives.

Example: *Scud, Tomahawk.*

Surface-to-Air Missiles (SAM): Launched from ground to target aircraft or other missiles.

Example: *Patriot, S-400.*

Air-to-Air Missiles (AAM): Launched from aircraft to target other aircraft.

Example: *AIM-9 Sidewinder, AIM-120 AMRAAM.*

Air-to-Surface Missiles (ASM): Launched from aircraft to target ground or sea-based objectives.

Example: *AGM-65 Maverick, Storm Shadow.*

Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles (SLBM): Launched from submarines to target land-based objectives.

Example: *Trident II, Bulava.*



2. Based on Range:

Short-Range Missiles: Typically less than 1,000 km.

Example: *Hellfire, Javelin*.

Medium-Range Missiles: Between 1,000 and 3,000 km.

Example: *Iskander, BrahMos*.

Intermediate-Range Missiles: Between 3,000 and 5,500 km.

Example: *Pershing II* (historical).

Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs): Over 5,500 km.

Example: *Minuteman III, RS-24 Yars*.

3. Based on Purpose:

Ballistic Missiles: Follow a parabolic trajectory, primarily used for long-range strikes.

Example: *Scud, Minuteman III*.

Cruise Missiles: Fly at low altitudes and are guided to their targets, often used for precision strikes.

Example: *Tomahawk, BrahMos*.

Anti-Ship Missiles: Designed to target naval vessels.

Example: *Harpoon, Exocet*.

Anti-Tank Missiles: Designed to destroy armored vehicles.

Example: *Javelin, Kornet*.

Anti-Satellite Missiles (ASAT): Designed to destroy satellites in orbit.

Example: *ASM-135 ASAT*.



4. Guidance Systems:

Inertial Guidance: Uses onboard sensors to track position and velocity.

GPS Guidance: Relies on satellite signals for precision.

Laser Guidance: Uses laser beams to direct the missile.

Infrared Homing: Tracks heat signatures, commonly used in air-to-air missiles.

Radar Guidance: Uses radar signals to locate and track targets.

5. Propulsion Systems:

Solid Propellant: Simple, reliable, and used in many short-range missiles.

Liquid Propellant: Offers higher performance but is more complex.

Ramjet/Scramjet: Used in high-speed cruise missiles like *BrahMos-II*.

6. Modern Developments:

Hypersonic Missiles: Travel at speeds greater than Mach 5, making them difficult to intercept.

Example: *Avangard*, *Zircon*.

Stealth Missiles: Designed to evade radar detection.

Swarm Missiles: Multiple missiles working in coordination to overwhelm defenses.



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BRAHMOS



Length: 8.4m/ 28ft
Warhead: 200 kg conventional semi-armour piercing nuclear
Guidance system: INS, Active radar homing, GPS/
GLONASS/GAGAN Satellite guidance
Maximum speed: Mach 3
Operational range: 500 km/ 310 miles

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3M54 KALIBR



Length: 6.2-8.9m/ 20.3-29.2ft
Warhead: 400-500 kg HE or thermonuclear
Guidance system: Inertial guidance plus terminal active
radar homing, by satellites, DSMAC
Maximum speed: Mach 0.8-2.9
Operational range: 220-4500 km/ 137-2796 miles

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P-800 ONIKS



Length: 8.9m/ 29.1ft
Warhead: 300 kg semi-armour piercing HE, thermonuclear
Guidance system: midcourse inertial guidance, active radar
homing- passive radar seeker head
Maximum speed: Mach 2.5
Operational range: 300-600 km/ 174 miles

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TOMAHAWK BLOCK IV



Length: 5.56m/ 18.2ft
Warhead: Penetration, high-explosive blast
Guidance system: GPS, INS, TERCOM, DSMAC, active
radar homing
Maximum speed: Mach 0.74
Operational range: 1700 km/ 1000 miles


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STORM SHADOW



Length: 5.1m/ 16.9ft
Warhead: 450 kg BROACH
Guidance system: Inertial, GPS and TERPROM, Terminal
guidance using imaging infrared DSMAC
Maximum speed: Mach 0.8-0.9
Operational range: 560 km/ 350 miles





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