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# IFRT

## INTERPOL Firearms Reference Table

### What is the IFRT?

The INTERPOL Firearms Reference Table (IFRT) is an interactive online tool for authorized law enforcement users. The IFRT provides a standardized methodology to identify and describe firearms, and enables an investigator to obtain or verify the details of a firearm — including the make, model, caliber, country of origin and serial number.

### The IFRT contains:

- more than 250,000 firearm references;
- more than 57,000 firearm images;
- extensive information on firearm markings including trademarks, logos and insignias;
- thousands of useful definitions and terms for firearm parts, accessories, functions and processes;
- company histories;
- acronyms;
- manufacturers' codes.

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## What data is shared?

No data is shared through the IFRT as it is a reference tool.

However, INTERPOL encourages IFRT users to provide information if a known firearm cannot be found in the IFRT. In this voluntary process, the user is asked to submit detailed information on the firearm, including close-up and detailed photographs from various angles showing the firearm's pertinent characteristics.

## About the Firearms Programme

A threat to the safety of citizens in all countries, the criminal misuse of firearms also poses a wider threat to global security, peace, stability and development. Firearms are easy to conceal and transport, and offer lucrative profits to criminals trafficking in illicit small arms and light weapons.

Each year, firearms are used in more than 245,000 murders worldwide, excluding war-torn countries. This figure is only a small percentage of all crimes committed with firearms. Criminals use firearms to threaten and support their criminal acts. No country is unaffected by firearms violence.

INTERPOL offers powerful tools which can help member countries to obtain firearms intelligence and advance investigations using the information on the outside of the firearm and the data that can be gleaned from inside the weapon. Together these tools support law enforcement officers to prevent, investigate and solve firearm-related crimes.

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