



# USMC Multipurpose Bayonet (MB) System

## Overview:

The USMC Multipurpose Bayonet (MB) will replace the currently fielded, Viet Nam era M7 bayonet for all Marines. It will be used as a weapon-fixed bayonet and as a hand-to-hand fighting knife.

## Description:

The Multipurpose Bayonet System consists of two components: the bayonet and the scabbard. The bayonet measures 13¼-in. overall and features an 8-in. blade and full tang construction. The clip point blade, made from 0.20-in. thick 1095 steel, is 1¾-in. deep and has a sharpened false edge. Aggressive serrations are honed into the blade nearest the cross-guard to assist in cutting. The bayonet's handle is made from flexible thermoplastic elastomer, with an ergonomically designed texture for better handling. An indexing point molded into the handle is embossed with the Marine Corps' Eagle, Globe and Anchor.

The scabbard is made from a thermoplastic elastomer and includes MOLLE compatible webbing hangars. A honing rod is integrated into the back of the scabbard. All of the scabbard components and the bayonet handle are being produced in Coyote brown for improved camouflage when used with the Marine Corps new combat utility uniforms and equipment.

## Status:

The MB is being procured as a modified COTS item after a 2Q02 Source Selection by MARCORSSYSCOM. The Ontario Knife Company of Franklinville, NY was the sole awardee of a contract for USMC MBs in 1Q03, the bayonet is currently in full rate production.

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