
Where Can I Learn More?

If you're confused or intimidated by the equipment presented, or the idea of firing a gun, you're not alone! Fortunately, you are also in good company. Your local SRA chapter may be able to teach you how to safely handle an AR15.

Some SRA chapters also offer licensing classes, to help you get your permit to carry a firearm

Choosing a rifle is a personal and involved process. When choosing your first rifle, try a variety of models and bring someone along who can help answer your questions

Once you've learned the basics of rifle shooting and chosen your first rifle, consider taking concealed carry and defensive shooting classes, or find resources to improve your marksmanship for recreational or competitive shooting. Your local SRA chapter can help get you in touch will all of those resources.

How Do I Join the SRA?

The Socialist Rifle Association's mission is to uphold the right of the working class to keep and bear arms and maintain the skills necessary for self and community defense.

You can learn more and join us at:

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AR15 Basics

What's an AR15?

An AR15 is a semiautomatic rifle/carbine/ firearm that fires the 5.56x45mm cartridge. It is similar to the military M4/16 but is not fully automatic or burst fire capable.

Why get an AR15?

The AR15 is easy to handle, accurate, light, and extremely customizable, making it an attractive choice for recreational and competitive shooters as well as hunters. With proper training and practice, an AR15 can also vastly increase your capacity to defend yourself or others in life-or-death situation. The ubiquitous availability of parts, modifications, and affordable ammunition make the AR15 an ideal rifle for new and experienced shooters alike.

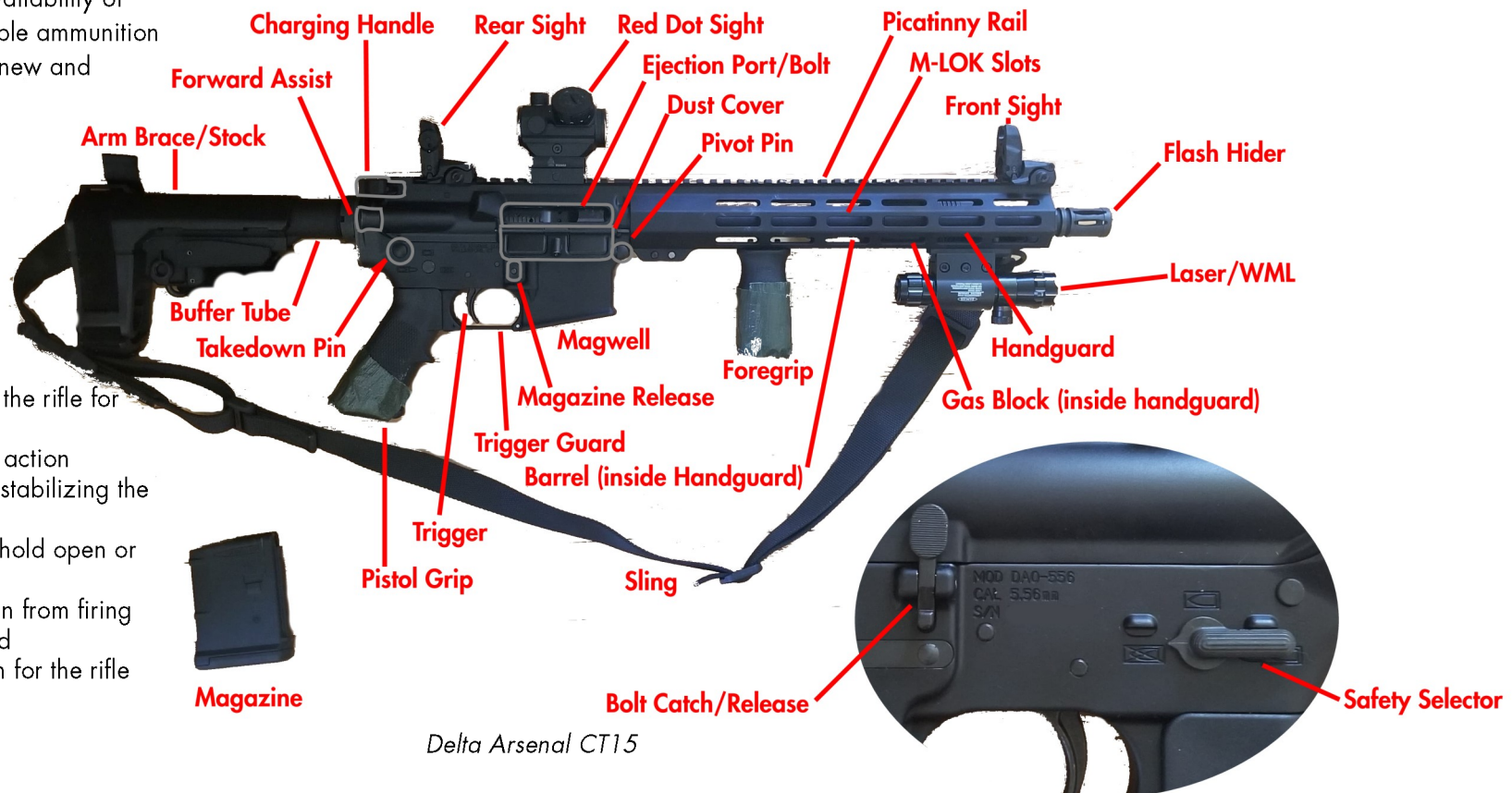
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- Trigger Guard: Prevents unintended trigger squeeze
- Trigger: Fires the rifle
- Pistol Grip: Rifle is held here
- Takedown Pin: Used to open the rifle for cleaning
- Buffer Tube: Part of the rifle's action
- Sling: Used for carrying and stabilizing the rifle
- Bolt Catch/Release: Used to hold open or manually close the bolt
- Safety Selector: Keeps the gun from firing unintentionally when engaged
- Magazine: Holds ammunition for the rifle

AR15 Components

Not all AR15s will have all of the components pictured here; some will not have a foregrip, Picatinny rail, M-LOK slots, iron sights, optics, lights/lasers, pistol grip, stock, etc. AR15s are endlessly customizable. Please be aware of local laws and regulations

- Arm Brace/Stock: Used to stabilize/shoulder the rifle when firing
- Forward Assist: used to resolve jams
- Charging Handle: Used to manually load a round into the chamber
- Front/Rear Sight: Used to acquire target and aim the rifle; can be flip-up
- Red Dot Sight: Used to rapidly acquire target and aim the rifle
- Ejection Post: Spent cases are ejected here
- Dust Cover: Keeps debris out of the internals
- Pivot Pin: Holds the rifle together during cleaning and inspection
- Picatinny rail/M-LOK Slots: Used for mounting accessories
- Flash Hider: Reduces muzzle flash
- Laser/WML: Used for target illumination
- Handguard: Protects shooter from burns
- Gas Block: Part of the rifle's action
- Foregrip: Used to support the front of the rifle
- Magwell: Magazine is inserted here
- Magazine Release: Used to eject magazines
- Barrel: The tube the bullet moves through



Delta Arsenal CT15