General information regarding the Ground-Based Cannon Caliber 23 mm ZU-23-2 CP

Technical specifications of the product/commodity

1. Full name of the product/commodity:

The 23 mm ZU-23-2 Twin Anti-Aircraft Cannon (licensed version)

2. Photograph of the product/commodity



Photo.1. The 23 mm ZU-23-2 Twin Anti-Aircraft Cannon (rear view).



Photo.2. The 23 mm the ZU-23-2 Twin Anti-Aircraft Cannon (front view).

3. Description and usage of the product/commodity:

The 23 mm ZU-23-2 Twin Anti-Aircraft Cannon is a powerful mean of combat against airborne targets within the distance of 2500 m and height of 1500 m. The weapon is designed for anti-aircraft defense especially for air-borne military forces. The constructional qualities of the weapon ensure usage against lightly-armored ground objects and firing posts within the distance of 2000 m. The 23 mm ZU-23-2 Twin Anti-Aircraft Cannon can be used against live force clusters as well uncovered as covered in lightly hidden outdoor locations. The weapon ensures effectiveness in the temperate climate and cold mesoclimate. Operating temperature range specification is approximately between -30° \div +50°C, while the maximum boundary temperature specification equals 50° \div +65°C. The weapon must be operated by the squad of five operators: commander, guidance operator, sight operator, right-hand side loader, left-hand side loader.

4. Basic technical parameters and data of the product/commodity:

BASIC TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL PARAMETERS OF 23mm ANTI-AIRCRAFT TWIN CANNON ZU-23-2CP.

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Caliber	23 mm
Number of threads	10
Barrel thread stroke (variable)	50/30 cal.
Barrel length without the flash suppressor	1880 mm
Barrel length with the flash suppressor	2010 mm
Cannon length without the flash suppressor	2425 mm
Cannon length with the flash suppressor	2555 mm

Maximum pressure in the barrel kG/cm2	3.1x10 2 MPa / 3100
Shell's nuzzle velocity	970 m/s
Maximum vertical range	1 500 m
Maximum angular range	2500 m
Maximum horizontal range	2000 m
Cartridge weight	450 g
BZT shell weight	190,0 g
OFZT shell weight	188,5 g
Theoretical rate of fire (from both cannons)	1600÷2000 rounds/min
Practical rate of fire up to	400 rounds/min
Firing angle in the horizontal plane	360°
Firing angle in the vertical plane	-10°÷+90°
Firing angle in the vertical plane over the wheels	-3°÷+90°
Aiming speed at two knob rotations per second:	
- in the horizontal plane with the first speed	30°/s
- in the horizontal plane with the second speed	60°/s
- in the vertical plane	40°/s
Fire line height	620 mm
Clearance	360 mm
Wheelbase	1670 mm
Cannon's dimensions in combat position:	
- Length	4570 mm
- width	1830 mm
- Height	1220 mm
Cannon's dimensions in march position:	
- Length	4570 mm
- width	1830 mm
- height	1870 mm
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Maximum acceptable speed of towing by a truck	± ±
- on an asphalt road up to	70 km/h*)
- on set up to	40 km/h
- on un-paved roads up to	35 km/h

* Note: For towing vehicles, whose weight does not exceed double weight of the ZU-23-2CP set, the towing speed should not exceed 40 km/h.

20 km/h

One cannon weight	75 kg
Swing assembly weight with two cannons	240 kg
Rotation assembly weight with two cannons	460 kg
Weight of ammunition case with belt loaded with	
50 cartridges	35.5 kg
Cannon's weight in march position (with a cover	
and filled ammunition cases)	~950 kg
Time of rearranging from march position to	
combat position	15÷20 s

- off-road to

Time of rearranging from combat position

to march position $35 \div 40 \text{ s}$ Heated barrel replacement time $15 \div 20 \text{ s}$

Ammunition case replacement time $5 \div 10 \text{ s}$

Tractor truck, pick-up, all-terrain

Ring target sight

Target sight rings corresponding to specified

speeds: - internal for 70 m/s- middle for 170 m/s- external for $\geq 280 \text{ m/s}$

Lighting at night tritium light sources

T-3 optical ground sight

Pupil's distance to the last lens 72 mm

Magnification 3 x
Field of view 4°30'

Distance measurement range 0÷2000 m

Side adjustments measurement range ± 0 -10 artillery mrad.

Scale unit value

- distances 100 m - side adjustments 0-01 mrad.

5. The 23 mm ZU-23-2 Twin Anti-Aircraft Cannon consists of the following principal units:

- Base/mount,
- 23 mm 2A14 Twin Anti-Aircraft Cannon with left-hand side feeding
- 23 mm 2A14 Twin Anti-Aircraft Cannon with right-hand side feeding
- Ring target sight
- T-3 optical ground sight
- Unitary ZCZ (spare parts kit).

For proper and effective use the system is equipped with three types of emergency parts (unitary kit, cluster kit and reparable kit. The individual kit of spare parts is placed in the box.

6. Advantages of the product/commodity:

The 23 mm ZU-23-2 Double Anti-Aircraft Cannon is characterized by high mobility, camouflage abilities, reliable functioning, high efficiency, great combat qualities and reliable tactical and technical qualities. The aforementioned features ensure effective action against suddenly appearing fast moving targets. The shooting itself is carried out at short intervals, on the spot, in different atmospheric conditions during any time of day and night. The ZU-23-2 cannon are very practical and mobile; the weapon can be used quickly on the move in all areal conditions. The weapon can be attached to off-road truck vehicles for towing. The transportation can be carried out by means of naval shipment or airborne aircrafts if possible as well.

8. Packing details

- Length - 4570 mm - Width - 1830 mm - Height - 1870 mm - Weight - 960 kg

The equipment is packed in 6 wooden boxes:

	Dimensions (mm) length x width x height	Qunatity	Gross weight (kg)
1.	802 x 490 x 275mm (4511.0.1.1300)	1	50
2.	2360 x 510 x 255mm (4511.0.1.1500)	1	59
3.	1240 x 660 x 620 mm - (4511.0.1.1400 – ammunition container 8 pcs. – 2 pcs. on the gun system	1	110
4.	1126 x 320 x342 mm(4211.0.1.1700 - Ammo links 630 pcs.)	1	55
5.	2140 x 383 x 336 mm (4211.0.1.1400 - 1 cannons + 2 barrels)	2	147