LIGHT ANTIARMOR WEAPONS

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PREFACE

This manual provides technical information, training techniques, and combat techniques of light antiarmor weapons. Intended users include leaders and designated soldiers who will use this information to successfully integrate light antiarmor weapons into combat operations. This manual discusses gunnery training and train-the-trainer.

The tactical positions shown in this manual were drawn to enhance the reader's understanding of related subject material and do not necessarily represent the best employment option for that material.

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides information common to the light antiarmor weapons discussed in this manual. Topics include care and handling, destruction and decontamination procedures, and operating temperatures. Light antiarmor weapons are used against light armored vehicles, field fortifications, or other similar targets. These weapons are issued as rounds of ammunition to individual soldiers in addition to their assigned weapons and the unit’s organic antiarmor weapons. Light antiarmor weapons can withstand extreme weather and environmental conditions, including arctic, tropical, and desert. The light antiarmor weapons category includes both light antiarmor and light antitank weapons.

1-1. TYPES OF LIGHT ANTIARMOR WEAPONS
Light antiarmor weapons include the M72-series light antitank weapon (LAW) and the M136 AT4. The M72-series LAW was designed in the early 1960's for use against light tanks of that era (Figure 1-1). The M136 AT4 was designed in the late 1980's for use against the improved armor of light armored vehicles (Figure 1-2).

Figure 1-1. M72-series light antitank weapon.