

8 Categories of Small Arms Ammunition

The Ammunition Categories is a list of terms useful in categorizing small arms ammunition such that they are less likely to be confused as to their purposes and relative hazards. These Categories, more fully described below, include:

- Conventional Ammunition (**BLACK**)
- Lethal Training Ammunition (**GREY**)
- Unhardened Structure Target Ammunition (**WHITE**)
- Extended Range Impact Ammunition (**ORANGE**)
- Non-Lethal Training Ammunition (**BLUE**)
- Blank Ammunition (**YELLOW**)
- Inert Training Ammunition (**RED**)
- Unknown Generic Ammunition (**BROWN**)

Unknown Generic Ammunition is not a specific *type* of ammunition *per se*. It is an amalgamation of many types, the exact purpose of which is unknown to the trainer or student and as such needs to be sequestered, either for later destruction or for sorting into one of the other seven categories by a knowledgeable person familiar with the design purpose of the Unknown cartridge