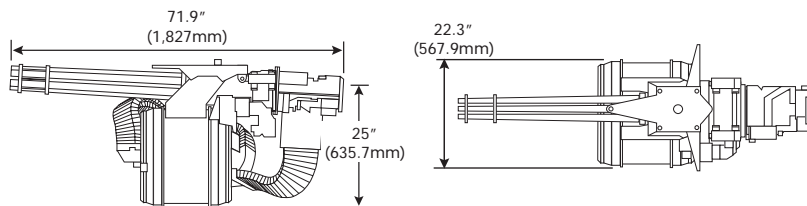
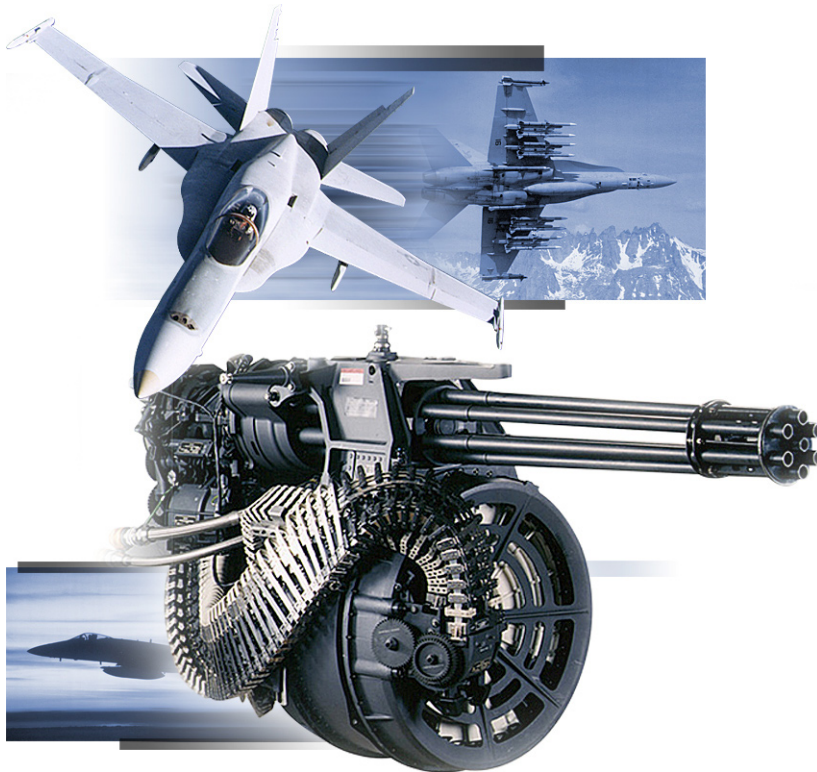


F/A-18 E/F

20mm gatling gun system



Specifications

Gun type	M61A2, six-barrel, 20mm, externally powered Gatling gun system
Weight (total)	683 pounds (311 kg)
Gun	202 pounds (92 kg)
Feed system	249 pounds (113 kg)
Ammunition (full)	232 pounds (105 kg)
Rate of fire	4,000/6,000 shots per minute
Ammunition capacity	412 rounds
Ammunition type	Compatible with all NATO standardized agreement 3585 ammunition
Feed system	Rotary, linkless, closed loop
Drive system	Hydraulic

The Boeing F/A-18 E/F Hornet is a multi-mission, high-performance tactical aircraft armed with an internal 20mm M61A2 lightweight Gatling gun and closed-loop rotary linkless feed system produced by General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products.

The weapon system operates on the same proven principles that other GDATP 20mm Gatling gun systems use and provides a wide array of extremely reliable features for positive round control throughout ammunition storage and the transfer cycle. The F/A-18 E/F uses special materials and processes that yield extended life and reduced wear of precision-engineered sprockets, guides, ammo drum and round paths. It also features proven gear box designs that provide reliable, precise and efficient power transfer.

The F/A-18 E/F's components, including the gun, are mounted on a pallet structure. The gun is attached to the pallet via twin recoil adaptors that dissipate firing forces. The entire system is mounted in the nose of the aircraft with barrel positioning provided by a forward muzzle clamp with integral rollers.

The palletized approach provides a straight-forward and rapid installation and removal process for ease of maintenance.

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