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Special Operators Comment on FCT's New SCAR Rifle

Special operators commented on their use of the Special Operations Forces Combat Assault Rifle (SCAR), an AS&C Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) project, in the online publication *Military.com* (www.military.com).



The rifle was developed for special operators in Belgium, evaluated under AS&C Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) program, redesigned with user input, and now made in South Carolina. Its different-length barrels are inter-changeable. A SCAR-light version fires 5.56 rounds, hitting point targets at 500 meters and area targets at 600 meters. A SCAR-heavy version fires 7.62 rounds, hitting point targets at 600 meters and area targets at 800 meters.

Special operators said the following about SCAR in the *Military.com* article:

- “I like it a lot better than the M4,” said one special operator, “There's a lot less recoil.”
- Special operators praised weapon's controls, with safety latches on both sides of the receiver. This allows a left or right-handed shooter to keep an eye on target, without moving the weapon.
- Operators were impressed with the ability to change from a small submachine gun-like weapon, to one with sniper rifle reach. “That's the best part of this weapon,” said one operator. “When we deploy, we usually go with just our M4s. But if we're on an operation where we need an overwatch or we're observing at a distance, the M4 doesn't do us much good until it's too late.”
- Both SCAR versions have adjustable stocks that reduce length. “I'm not sure I would ever want to fire it like this,” said one operator, “But it would sure be nice to fold it up like this for transporting in a vehicle.”
- “This rifle is awesome,” said one operator. “It's spot on.”

The full-text article can be found at <http://www.military.com/news/article/operators-test-new-commando-rifle.html?col=1186032325324> .

For more information on the FCT program, visit www.acq.osd.mil/cto .