

# Baptism of Fire: World War Two Role Play

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Free Weapon Expansion: Panzerschrek

RPzB 43 & RPzB 54



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## RPzB 43 RaketenpanzerBüchse



The RPzB 43 RaketenpanzerBüchse, also known as the Panzerschreck ("Tank Terror") is the German version of the U.S. bazooka. It fires a much larger rocket than the US weapon that inspired it. The RPzB 43 fired an 88mm shaped-charge rocket projectile from its steel tube.

This early version of the weapon lacked any sort of protection for the user from the tremendous back blast that occurred when a rocket was fired. Users were forced to wear a gas mask and a fire resistant long coat when using the RaketenpanzerBüchse or suffer serious burns and the possibility of permanent blindness.

The required gas mask was bulky (1 lb) and severely restricted vision. The wearer of the gas mask has a -2 to all Spot checks and a -1 to all weapon firing rolls.

The long coat was also bulky (3 lbs) and miserably hot to wear in the summer months but probably a welcome extra layer of clothing during the winter months. Although flame resistant, the coat was not capable of protecting its user from extended exposure to flame. The wearer can disregard 5 points of fire damage while wearing the coat.

The back blast of the weapon is tremendous. The geyser of smoke and flame that erupts when the weapon is fired is almost certain to give away the location of the soldier using it. Everyone within visual distance has a +15 to any spot check when looking for the user of a RaketenpanzerBüchse that has just fired.

The short range of the weapon and its near certainty of giving away its user once fired, made the RaketenpanzerBüchse a very dangerous weapon to use. However its lethality to Allied tanks was very impressive.

<b>Type:</b> Rocket Launcher
<b>Availability:</b> 1943+ Very rare
<b>Damage:</b> AP 3d6
<b>Failure:</b> 1
<b>Nationality:</b> Germany
<b>Accuracy:</b> -2*
<b>Range:</b> 0-15/16-25/26-75/76-150
<b>Weight:</b> Launcher: 21 Rocket: 7

\*Includes penalty for wearing a gas mask while firing.



## RPzB 54 RaketenpanzerBüchse



The RPzB 54 RaketenpanzerBüchse improved on the design of the RpzB 43 by attaching a protective blast shield to the firing tube. The shield has an observation tube through which the operator aimed the weapon.

Although the gunner shield added to the already considerable bulkiness of the weapon, being able to do away with the need for a gas mask and protective coat made the weapon much easier to deploy and thus much more useful overall.

The back blast of the weapon continued to be a serious issue as it continued to betray the position of the user. Everyone within visual distance has a +15 to any spot check when looking for the user of a RaketenpanzerBüchse that has just fired.



The RPzB 54 fires the exact same rocket as its predecessor giving it the same lethality as well as the same lack of range.

<b>Type:</b> Rocket Launcher
<b>Availability:</b> 1943+ Rare
<b>Damage:</b> AP 3d6
<b>Failure:</b> 1
<b>Nationality:</b> Germany
<b>Accuracy:</b> -1
<b>Range:</b> 0-15/16-25/26-75/76-150
<b>Weight:</b> Launcher: 24 Rocket: 7

