

# Kalthoff Repeater

## (Wiki)[1690]

The **Kalthoff repeater** was a type of [repeating firearm](#) that was designed by members of the [Kalthoff](#) family around 1630,<sup>[1]</sup> and became the first repeating firearm to be brought into military service.<sup>[2]</sup> At least nineteen gunsmiths are known to have made weapons following the Kalthoff design.<sup>[2]</sup> Some early Kalthoff guns were [wheellocks](#),<sup>[3][4]</sup> but the rest were [flintlocks](#).<sup>[5]</sup> The capacity varied between 5 and 30 rounds, depending on the style of the magazines.<sup>[1]</sup> A single forward and back movement of the trigger guard, which could be done in 1–2 seconds, readied the weapon for firing.<sup>[6]</sup> The caliber of Kalthoff guns generally varied between 0.4 and 0.8 inches,<sup>[5]</sup> though .3 caliber examples also exist.<sup>[7]</sup>

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