

# Puckle Gun (Wiki)[1718]

The **Puckle gun** (also known as the **defence gun**) was a primitive [crew-served](#), manually-operated [flintlock](#)<sup>[1]</sup> [revolver](#) patented in 1718 by [James Puckle](#), (1667–1724) a British inventor, lawyer and writer. It was one of the earliest weapons to be referred to as a "[machine gun](#)", being called such in a 1722 shipping manifest,<sup>[2]</sup> though its operation does not match the modern use of the term. It was never used during any combat operation or war.<sup>[3]</sup><sup>[4]</sup> Production was highly limited and may have been as few as two guns.

At a later public trial held in 1722, a Puckle gun was able to fire 63 shots in seven minutes (approximately nine rounds per minute) in the midst of a driving rain storm.<sup>[1]</sup><sup>[8]</sup> A rate of 1 round in less than 7 seconds compared to musketeers of the period, who reload in between 12 and 30 seconds plus re-aiming; it was however inferior in fire rate to earlier repeating weapons such as the [Kalthoff repeater](#) which fired up to six times faster at about 1 per second plus re-aiming.

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