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# Scud Ballistic Missile And Launch Systems 1955–2005 (New Vanguard)



## Synopsis

The Scud missile was developed as the centerpiece of Soviet plans to fight nuclear war in the heart of Europe. However, it was never used in its intended role and has instead become a symbol of the changing nature of warfare in the aftermath of the Cold War. Saddam Hussein's Iraqi armed forces were almost helpless in the face of the Coalition forces in the 1991 Gulf War; the only weapon that Iraq could use to injure the Coalition forces was its arsenal of Scud missiles. This book explores the development and variants of the missile and its launch systems, its proliferation outside of the West, and its role in conflicts around the world.

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“Highly recommended for anyone interested in Soviet or Russian military equipment or in particular, artillery and ballistic missiles.”  
— Jacques Duquette, *Armorama* (April 2008)  
“...Steven Ja Zaloga, an authority on Russian military vehicles, presents a well-rounded history of the Scud.”  
— *Military Vehicles*

The unrivalled illustrated reference on fighting vehicles, transport and artillery through the ages. Each volume is illustrated throughout, making these books uniquely accessible to history enthusiasts of all ages.

A good place to start for those interested in ballistic missile field. Zaloga knows his stuff; you won't be disappointed.

A concise, but well documented review of the Scud ballistic missile development program and its variants. Good photographs and line drawings for the scale modeler to use as reference.

Great product, great price, great packaging and fast service.

Steven Zaloga is top notch at what he does and a good book on the Scud missile is long overdue, given the fact that it is one of the few powerful weapons that has been used somewhat successfully against American forces, and given that it is operated by so many armies. This is a good basic overview of the Scud. However, I was disappointed that there wasn't more to this book. It seems rather thin even by the standards of this series. I wanted a little more meat.

Covers a odd subject well

Good data and much insight into this topic, a book for dedicated enthusiasts if there ever was one. The end!

It's very difficult to find books on this topic, which is really a shame considering the impact these missiles had during Gulf War I and their potential in Gulf War II. Zaloga does a great job with this book.

While I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Day's analysis (wanting more "meat" to the book), I have to give 5-stars to Zaloga's "Scud" book. It is the only one of its kind out there... while that shouldn't automatically guarantee quality work, Mr. Zaloga's expertise does. Other sources, such as Jane's, may have different approaches to SCUD analysis, this has a good graphical representation to understand its metamorphosis from the battlefield missile of the 1950s, to the terror weapon of the 21st Century. I think the only better unclassified resource would be to "own" a SCUD system. Wouldn't happen to see one for sale, would you?

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