

ARMALITE INFORMATION PACKS

Way back in 1984, I visited the offices of Armalite in Costa Mesa California. They were gracious and hospitable hosts and welcomed me as a researcher. In fact, they basically pointed me to a set of file cabinets and their photocopier, and said "Feel free to copy whatever you like." Which I did... I have the following materials for sale, copies of the materials I obtained from Armalite. The original material from their archives has long since been scattered and is now impossible to find.

001 ♦ Instruction Manual for operation of the ARMALITE Light Machine Gun Caliber 7.62 mm NATO

The Armalite LMG is an AR-10 Rifle substantially modified to feed belted ammunition. By Staatsbedrijf Artillerie-Inrichtingen, Dutch manufacturer of the Armalite AR-10 Rifle. Fairchild Aircraft and Airplane Corporation (parent of Armalite) announced that Artillerie Inrichtingen would be tooled for quantity production by January 1, 1958.

002 ♦ Armalite History, December 1975

Armalite created a 6-page form letter.
History. Formation in October 1954. Plans. Development of the AR-5 (MA-1 Survival Rifle). George Sullivan. Eugene Stoner.
Developments. AR-1 Parasnip. AR-5 Survival. AR-10 Rifle. AR-15 Rifle. AR-7. AR-17 Shotgun. AR-16 Rifle. AR-18 Rifle.
Current Activity. AR-7 sold off [to Charter Arms]. Sterling (England) licensed to produce AR-18 and AR-180. Major adoptions expected.

003 ♦ Armalite AR-10 XM-10 Brochures

In the early 1980's, AR-10 parts kits (less receivers) were sold through ARMEX (California) and Dan's Sales & Service (Florida). Semi-automatic receivers came onto the market, and many kits were assembled and sold as complete semi-automatic rifles.

XM-10 Handbill. From Paragon (Joliet Illinois) for their aluminum receiver AR-10 semi-auto rifle (a different manufacturer produced steel receivers). Original in color; this in B&W.

AR-10 Handbill. From Armalite. For the original AR-10, circa 1958.

AR-10 Report. From Armalite. Transcription of a progress report on the AR-10 in 1957 from Fairchild Aircraft (Armalite's parent corporation). Includes details of production numbers (= 50).

Armalite AR-10 Reference Sources.

AR-10 Kit Pricing. From Dan's Sales & Service. Lists various kits and prices circa 1984. 6 pages typewritten.

004 ♦ Armalite Letters

Fairchild Press Release June 4, 1957.

Announcing volume production of the AR-10

Armalite Letter. Inviting machine shops to express interest in work for Armalite

Armalite Letter. "Thank you for your interest in our products." Discusses AR-10, AR-15, AR-18. AR-16. Two pages typewritten.

Armalite Letter. "The Singlepoint Day/Night Sight is presently unavailable for sale to other than US Military within the US." Dec 11, 1970.

Fairchild Republic Letter. Jan 1984. Thank you for your interest in the AR-10.

Colt Letter. February 1984. Thank you for your interest in the AR-10.

Armalite Letter. June 25, 1959. To the president of Colt. Discusses required markings for the AR-15. What is required by contract.

Armalite Letter. May 21, 1960. To the president of Colt. Discusses why Ordnance turned down the Armalite for tests. Why the

.223 DOES meet Army needs. AR-15 Improvements. Handguard redesign. Charging Handle redesign. Trigger group redesign. Etc.

Armalite Letter December 14, 1959. Discusses proof loads for the .223 ammunition. Cover letter for rounds loaded to 64,000 PSI.

005 ♦ Metallurgical Examination of One Barrel, Cal. .30, AR-10, that ruptured in firing test at Springfield Armory.

SA-TN 1-1015. 13 page report. Original photocopy was faint, and a transcription of the text has been typed above the appropriate lines. Includes 3 tables with a chronology of the test round by round. The test objective: To evaluate the metallurgical of the ruptured barrel and determine the probable cause of failure.

Armalite Letter. Oct 12, 1958. To vice president of Colt. Cover letter for tests of AR-10. AR-15 tests at Fort Benning (still classified).

006 ♦ Armalite AR-16 Brochure

This 8.5 x 11 landscape format brochure (13 photocopied pages) includes Cover, AR-16 Basic Infantry Weapon (photo), Description and Features, AR-16 Carbine (photo), AR-16 Carbine (with buttstock folded) (2 photos), Trigger Group with disassembled components (2 photos), Action Open (photo), Rifle disassembled (photo), Specifications.

Also included AR-16 Sporter (drawing). Side view of AR-16 action, serial X101 (photo).

007 ♦ Armalite AR-18 Brochure (Early).

This 8.5 x 11 landscape format brochure (14 photocopied pages) details the early version of the AR-18 Rifle (with no scope mount and with a straight charging handle).

It's spooky comparing this brochure with their AR-16 Brochure (006 above). They are virtually the same, even to much of the text. Just the pictures are different, and they look very similar.

008 ♦ Armalite Memo AR-18 Costs 1969

Rock Island Arsenal called Armalite and asked for costs for AR-18 Rifles. This is the Armalite memo confirming their quote.

009♦AR-17 Golden Gun

Brochure (2 pages). Promotes and details the features of the Golden Gun.

Brochure- Care and Maintenance (4 pages). Detailed instructions for disassembly and maintenance of the Golden Gun.

Ads (2 pages). Promotes the Gun and AR-7.

Special Offer (1 page) pre-December 1964. Promoting to Gun Clubs. 25% discount.

Parts List (2 pages) May 1981.

Parts List (2 pages) Shows parts images.

Components (3 pages).

AR-17 Article (2 pages) Transcript of Elmer Keith article in Guns & Ammo June 1965.

010 ♦ Armalite AR-10 Presentation:

12 pages from the Armalite Corporate presentation on the AR-10 (identified as a part of Fairchild with a Los Angeles address).

Overview of AR-10A (3 pages with pictures). Economy of Manufacture. Simplicity of Takedown. The Straight Stock Principle. The AR-10 Automatic Rifle. The Original Prototype (BAR magazine). The Second Model. General Description AR-10B. Heavy Barrel. Bipod LMG Model (crude sketch only).

011 ♦ Armalite AR-10 Interesting Items:
AR-10 Bayonet. 2 pages. Shotgun News ad for AR-10 Bayonet April 1983. Illustration. Plus IMA invoice for the bayonet with comments.

Survival Rifle. 1 page. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines letter about their short barrel AR-10s.

▶ ▶ ▶ 012 ♦ Armalite Company 1960

29 pages. Covers the condition of Armalite.

Progress. Chronicles the weapons they are working on: AR-1, AR-15, AR-10, AR-10 LMG, AR-15, AR-9, AR-17. AR-16.

Military Weapons. Colt started tooling 1959. **Sporting Firearms.** The Ar-7. With costs.

Three Additional Weapons. AR-16 High Powered hunting rifle. AR-17 Autoloading shotgun. AR-18 9mm Automatic Pistol.

Profit and Loss. For 1960 and 1961.

013 ♦ Armalite AR-10 Brochure

11 pages. A photocopy of their 1957 plastic coil bound brochure with photos and text.

▶ ▶ ▶ 014 ♦ Fairchild Armalite 1957

26 page Proposed Activity for 1957.

Projects: AR-5, AR-9, AR=10, AR-11, AR-12, AR-13, AR-14. Includes costs to produce, summary of equipment and projects, and more. The AR-13 was a Hypervelocity High Rate gun for the Air Force (one page no image).

015 AR-5 and AR-7 Company Briefing

AR-5 Company Briefing. Pack-in-Stock Concept, Exclusive Sight System..

Patent Drawings for 179,499.

Various photos and parts list.

016 Armalite Weapons System

Background Memorandum

From Fairchild, 12-7-1956. 6 page typescript.

These Packets are \$6 each (those marked ▶ ▶ ▶ are supersized and \$9. Shipped First Class Mail in the US. These are occasionally offered on Ebay at a minimum bid of \$5. You can order by mail with a check or money order. Or you can email an order through Paypal through onlooker1@farfuture.net Marc Miller, 1418 N Clinton Blvd, Bloomington IL 61701