**Browning M2 Specs**

Weight 38 kg (83.78 lb)  
58 kg (127.87 lb) with [tripod](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tripod_(weapon)) and T&E

Length 1,656 mm (65.2 in)

Barrel length 1,143 mm (45.0 in)

Cartridge .50 BMG (12.7×99mm NATO)

Action Short recoil-operated

Rate of fire 450–635 rounds/min (M2HB)

750–850 rounds/min (AN/M2)  
1,200 rounds/min (AN/M3)

Muzzle velocity 2,910 ft/s (890 m/s) for M33 ball

Effective range 1,800 m (2,000 yd)

Maximum range 2,000 m (2,200 yd)

Feed system Belt-fed (M2 or M9 links)

The M2 Machine Gun, Browning .50 Caliber Machine Gun, is a heavy machine gun designed towards the end of World War I by John Browning. It is effective against infantry, unarmored or lightly armored vehicles and boats, light fortifications and low-flying aircraft. The .50 caliber machine gun has been used extensively as a vehicle weapon and for aircraft armament by the United States from the 1920s to the present. It was heavily used during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan in the 2000s decade. It is the primary heavy machine gun of NATO countries, and has been used by many other countries.