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Lightweight M41A Pulse Rifle M
Aliens (1986)

A lightweight M41A pulse rifle from James Cameron's sci-fi action sequel Aliens. Pulse rifles were wielded by the Colonial Marines during their mission to the alien-infested planet LV-426.

Aliens is widely considered one of the best sequels of all time. Following Ridley Scott's masterful sci-fi horror Alien (1979), James Cameron brought Sigourney Weaver's hero Ripley back in a story that transplanted the horror to a Vietnam War-inspired action movie. It won two Academy Awards - for Sound Effects Editing and Visual Effects - and Weaver was even nominated for Best Actress, at a time when the sci-fi genre was rarely recognised in such awards.

Lightweight pulse rifles were frequently used during production because they were easier for actors to handle and therefore better suited to action sequences. Made of resin, expanding foam and wood, this lightweight prop rifle was designed by director James Cameron and realised by Simon Atherton, the head of movie armourers Bapty & Co. The rifle is based on a World War II-era M1A1 Thompson submachine gun, with a SPAS-12 shotgun cage below the barrel to simulate a grenade launcher. The piece is painted green-brown and black, with some wear from production and age, plus some chipping, most notably at the top. Dimensions: 69.5 cm x 7.5 cm x 26.75 cm (27.25" x 3" x 10.5")

Estimate: £20,000 - 40,000



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