

LAKE CITY ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT

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LOCATION

Lake City Army Ammunition Plant is located in northwestern Missouri and is surrounded by Jackson and Clay counties. The plant is 30 miles southeast of Kansas City International Airport, and 23 miles east of Kansas City Municipal downtown, suitable for small military aircraft. The installation rests in a valley 7 miles south of Blue Springs, Missouri. Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster, Missouri, is 45 miles southeast of the plant. The plant is serviced by Union Pacific Railroad with major connections in Kansas City. AMTRAK service is available to points East and West. Easy access to three major interstate highways is available; they are I-70, I-35, and I-29. Lake City Army Ammunition Plant is subject to all four seasons, and can often suffer from foggy and humid conditions because of valley and low pressure weather patterns in the area.

SIZE

Acres: 3,950

Square Footage of Buildings: 3,180,274 SF

Plant Replacement Value: \$896,644,700

HISTORY

As World War II raged around the globe, the need for government-sponsored production of small arms ammunition became apparent. Senator Harry S. Truman presided over a groundbreaking ceremony for Lake City, on 26 December 1940. Remington Arms, Inc. was awarded the contract to construct and operate the plant and the first loaded cartridge came off the production line on 12 September 1941. During the war, over 5.6 billion rounds of caliber .30 rifle, caliber .50 and 20mm were produced and accepted by Lake City. Lake City employed 21,229 people during its peak production period. After the war, the plant was placed in standby status, controlled by the 5th U. S. Army, until 1950 when it was reactivated for the Korean conflict. Lake City was once again the Defense Department's prime supplier of small arms ammunition for this conflict. Subsequent to the Korean War years, Lake City remained in production supplying peacetime training ammunition requirements, until it went into full production again during the Vietnam era. Production Schedules included 5.56mm, 7.62mm, caliber .30, caliber .50, 20mm, and 30mm ammunition. Between 1966 and 1973, Lake City produced over 14.4 billion rounds of ammunition. During its history, the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant has had three contractor operators. Remington Arms, Inc (DuPont) operated the plant until November 1985, when Olin Corporation (Winchester Division) was awarded the contract. On 3 April 2000, Alliant Techsystems (ATK) took over the plant under a fixed price contract.

MISSIONS

Lake City currently produces 5.56mm, 7.62mm, and 20mm ammunition. Our mission is to meet the following assignments under contract operation: operate and maintain active facilities in support of current small caliber ammunition requirements; maintain and/or lay away standby facilities including any government-owned machinery and package lines, in a condition to permit rehabilitation and resumption of production to support replenishment requirements; manufacture small caliber ammunition and associated explosive/pyrotechnic material; performance of product assurance support for procurement and production; proof test small caliber ammunition; manage and market underutilized plant facilities; maintain a research and development capability for products and processes. Accomplish industrial preparedness planning and emergency planning. Procure, receive, store and issues necessary supplies, equipment, components, and essential raw material to produce small arms ammunition. Receive, conduct surveillance, maintain, renovate, store, conduct physical inventories, issue, demilitarize, and salvage field service stock, items of industrial stock, and international logistics requirements stocks. Perform Ballistic stockpile reliability testing of ammunition and components in storage.

MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS

Ballistic Services Office
North Atlantic Regional Test Center
AMC Files Repository

POPULATION

	Authorized
Military	1
Civilian	26
Contractor	1,530
Student	0
Other	0
TOTAL	1,557