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CHAPTER 2

# CLASS: LIGHT BLASTERS

SMALL IN SIZE, BUT LARGE IN STATURE!



**N-STRIKE ELITE JOLT EX-1**

TYPE: BARREL-LOADING SINGLE-SHOT BLASTER
PROPULSION METHOD: DIRECT PLUNGER
CAPACITY: 1 ROUND
RATE OF FIRE: 1 DART PER 2-3 SECONDS
AMMO TYPE: N-STRIKE ELITE DARTS
RANGE: 50-60 FEET (15-18M)
TACTICAL RAILS: 0
BLASTER LENGTH: 4 INCHES (10CM)
YEAR RELEASED: 2012



>> When the **N-Strike Jolt EX-1** was first released in 2011, it became **the smallest NERF blaster around** and was packaged with two Whistler Darts. Despite its compact size, the Jolt blaster packed a big punch. The new model (introduced in 2012) has an updated color scheme, and is packaged with N-Strike Elite Darts, which increases the blaster's range.

The Jolt blaster—small enough to be concealed in the palm of your hand, in a pocket, or tucked into your tube sock—takes one dart at a time, loaded into the barrel. To prime, pull the plunger at the bottom of the grip; then pull the trigger to fire. Luckily, the Jolt blaster features a trigger guard that will prevent the blaster from accidentally firing when concealed. This mighty mite of the N-Strike line is prized for its surprising force and accuracy.



ORIGINAL JOLT BLASTER

Part of the secret to the Jolt model's reliability and power is its **unibody construction**: the blaster housing is constructed from a single piece of molded plastic, into which the trigger and plunger mechanisms are inserted.

## SECRET STRIKE AS-1

TYPE: BARREL-LOADING  
SINGLE-SHOT BLASTER

PROPULSION METHOD:  
COMPRESSED AIR

CAPACITY: 1 ROUND

RATE OF FIRE:  
1 DART PER 4-5 SECONDS

AMMO TYPE:  
MICRO DARTS

RANGE: 30-40 FEET  
(9-12M)

TACTICAL RAILS: 0

BLASTER LENGTH:  
4.5 INCHES (11.5CM)

YEAR RELEASED: 2004



>> Sometimes victory is won thanks to overwhelming force and other times it is won by cunning and stealth. Perhaps the stealthiest light blaster is the **Secret Strike AS-1** blaster.

The Secret Strike blaster comes with a clip that makes it possible to attach to a belt loop.

Uniquely, the Secret Strike blaster has no grip and no traditional trigger; instead, there is a thumb-operated button on the top of the blaster that fires the dart. To prime the blaster, pump the small plunger located under the barrel

10 times or less—any more than that and you could damage the seals on the air tank.

The N-Strike AS-1 model is a descendant of the Secret Strike Pocket Blaster, which was first released in a translucent rainbow color scheme.

## TRIAD EX-3

TYPE: BARREL-LOADING  
THREE-SHOT BLASTER

PROPULSION METHOD:  
DIRECT-PLUNGER

CAPACITY: 3 ROUNDS

RATE OF FIRE:  
1 DART PER SECOND

AMMO TYPE:  
N-STRIKE ELITE DARTS

RANGE: 75 FEET (23M)

TACTICAL RAILS: NONE

BLASTER LENGTH:  
5 INCHES (13CM)

YEAR RELEASED: 2013

>> In the world of micro blasters, the next step up is the **Triad EX-3** blaster. It is slightly larger than its predecessors, and it also has the advantage of carrying three N-Strike Elite Darts. If you ever have to ditch your heavy blaster and travel light, this could be the perfect backup.

The Triad blaster is primed by pulling the plunger at the bottom of the grip. What makes the EX-3 model innovative is a smart design feature that **senses which chamber is loaded and directs the air pressure to the loaded chamber**, regardless of where the dart is inserted. If all three darts are in the blaster, it fires them one at a time, starting from the bottom barrel and moving counterclockwise around the barrel (viewed from the rear of the blaster). Despite being the smallest N-Strike Elite blaster, the Triad EX-3 model has similar range and accuracy to its larger counterparts.



## REFLEX IX-1

TYPE: BARREL-LOADING  
SINGLE-SHOT BLASTER

PROPULSION METHOD:  
REVERSE-PLUNGER

CAPACITY: 1 ROUND

RATE OF FIRE:  
1 DART PER 2-3 SECONDS

AMMO TYPE:  
N-STRIKE ELITE DARTS

RANGE: 40-50 FEET  
(12-15M)

TACTICAL RAILS: 1

BLASTER LENGTH:  
4.75 INCHES (12CM)

YEAR RELEASED: 2009

>> Sometimes making a strong impression is important, and the *click-clack* sound of the priming slide on the **Reflex IX-1** blaster shows you mean business! One of the smallest blasters, the Reflex IX-1 model was originally released in 2009 in N-Strike yellow and packaged with 3 Sonic Darts. A later version was released in blue, and the current version features the N-Strike Elite blue color scheme and fires N-Strike Elite Darts.

Although the Reflex IX-1 model is a micro blaster, it has **two qualities that set it apart from its tiny peers**. First, the action and sound of the slide get it noticed; and after the blaster is primed, the plunger protrudes from the back of the blaster, ready to drive the dart on its way. Second, it sports a tactical rail that makes it possible to beef up **this little powerhouse with a scope**, light, or other accessory.



An exclusive kit called The Attack Unit came with six IX-1 blasters, three in yellow and three in blue. And the N-Strike Quick Blast Game, released in 2010, was packaged with two Reflex IX-1 blasters, one in yellow and one in blue and also included playing cards as part of the game featuring “heroes” and “robots” and 4 Whistler Darts. Two IX-1 blasters were also included with the Tech Target 2-Player set.



QUICK BLAST

TECH TARGET

## SCOUT IX-3

TYPE: BARREL-LOADING  
SINGLE-SHOT BLASTER

PROPULSION METHOD:  
REVERSE-PLUNGER

CAPACITY: 1 ROUND

RATE OF FIRE:  
1 DART PER 2-3 SECONDS

AMMO TYPE: SONIC MICRO  
(WHISTLER) DARTS

RANGE: 45-55 FEET  
(13.5-16.5M)

TACTICAL RAILS: 1

BLASTER LENGTH:  
8.5 INCHES (22CM)

YEAR RELEASED: 2003

DART STORAGE

>> The **Scout IX-3** blaster is one of the gems of the light blaster lineup—good to have by your side when the darts in your primary blaster dry up. Sure, it's a single-shot blaster, but it has two storage slots for extra darts under the barrel.

The Scout IX-3 model was **one of the first N-Strike blasters**, and was originally available only as part of the Unity Power System (page 62). Its outstanding accuracy and range ensured its continued existence as a stand-alone blaster. It was released in the N-Strike color scheme in single- and

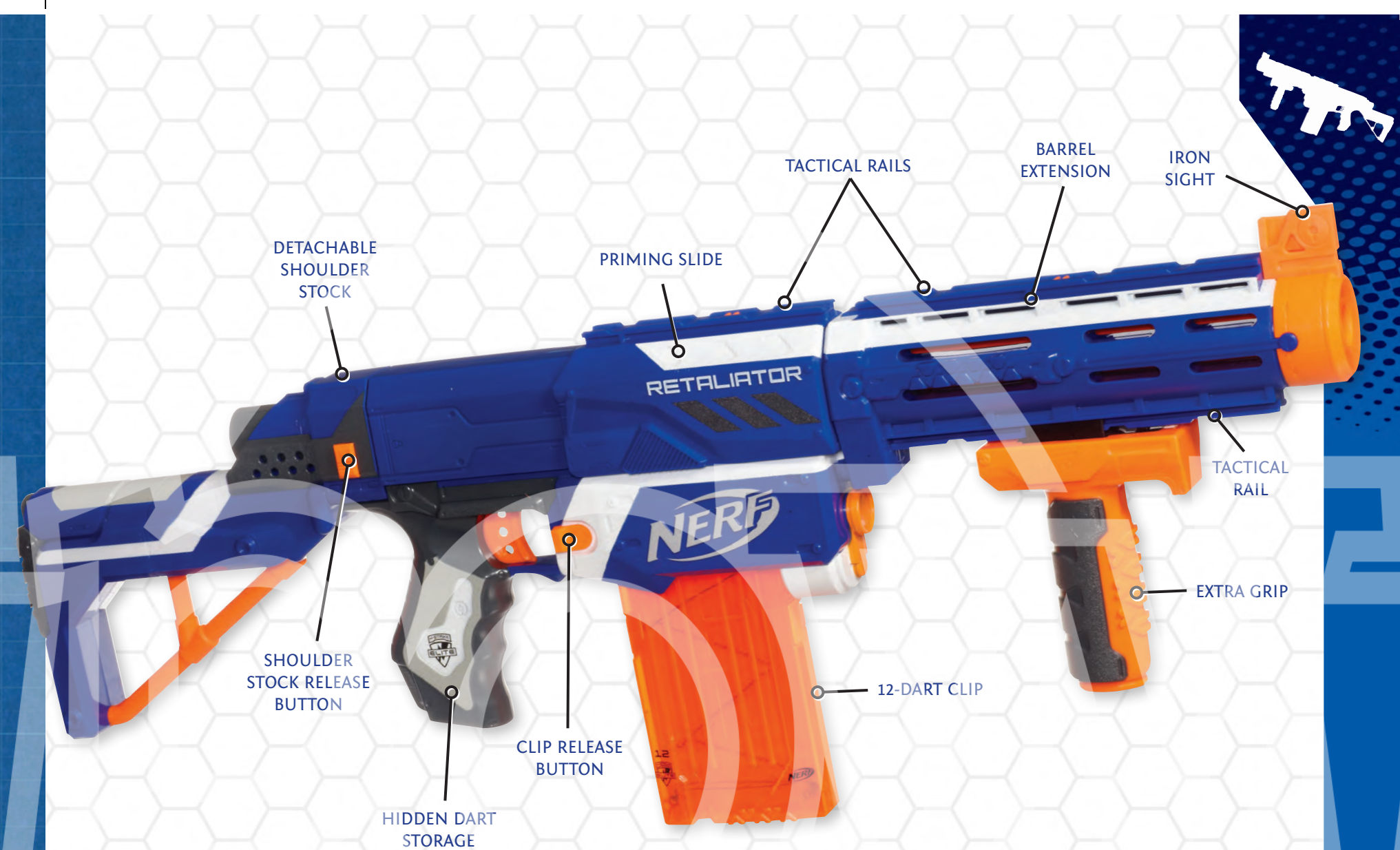
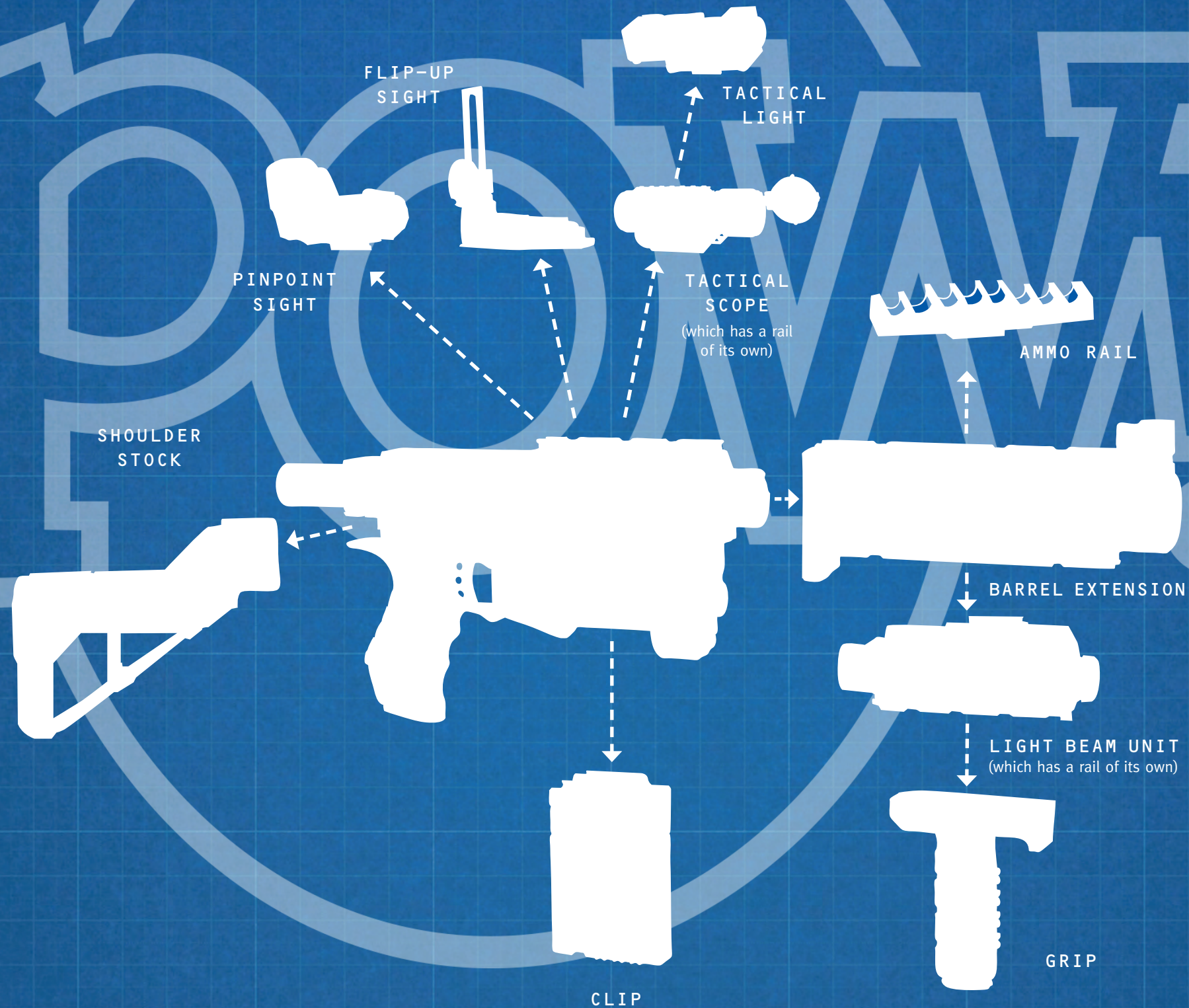


double-pack versions in 2011.

The IX-3 blaster has a tactical rail on the top of the slide, which originally enabled it to be clipped into the Unity Power System. When clipped in, **a secondary trigger button located on top of the slide** permitted the blaster to be fired remotely by a secondary trigger on the core Unity blaster. The tactical rails were retained in later versions for after-market upgrades.

## TACTICAL RAILS: FLEXIBILITY IS KEY

The tactical rail is an ingenious feature found on many NERF blasters—from the smallest to the largest and from N-Strike to Vortex—that makes it possible to customize in a variety of ways. The rails, which can be located above the barrel, below the barrel, or on the side of the blaster housing, can be used to attach many different kinds of upgrades, including:



### RETALIATOR

>>> The **Retaliator** blaster was released in 2012 as a successor to the Recon CS-6 model (page 44): a totally updated, fully customizable blaster system designed to provide the members of NERF Nation with a wide variety of blaster configurations. And with the extra range of the N-Strike Elite series, the Retaliator blaster instantly became **one of the strongest medium blasters ever.**

Like the Recon blaster before it, the Retaliator model has just one tactical rail on the main blaster housing, but the Barrel

Extension has two of its own, one on top and one below. In addition, the Retaliator blaster has a detachable Shoulder Stock and a slot for an extra dart located in the grip.

Another feature is the Extra Grip, which can be attached to the tactical rail located at the bottom of the Barrel Extension. Although you have to remove your hand from the **priming slide on top of the blaster** to grab the Extra Grip, doing so helps steady the blaster when firing for precision over long distances.

TYPE: CLIP-LOADING SINGLE-SHOT BLASTER

PROPULSION METHOD: DIRECT-PLUNGER

CAPACITY: 12 ROUNDS

RATE OF FIRE: 1 TO 2 DARTS PER SECOND

AMMO TYPE: N-STRIKE ELITE DARTS

RANGE: 75 FEET (23M)

TACTICAL RAILS: 1

BLASTER LENGTH: 25.5 INCHES (65CM)

YEAR RELEASED: 2012



# NERF ELITE RAPIDSTRIKE CS-18

TYPE: CLIP-LOADING, MOTORIZED SINGLE-SHOT BLASTER

PROPULSION METHOD: MOTORIZED FLYWHEEL\*

CAPACITY: 18 ROUNDS

RATE OF FIRE: 3 DARTS PER SECOND

AMMO TYPE: N-STRIKE ELITE DARTS

RANGE: 75 FEET (23M)

TACTICAL RAILS: 5

BLASTER LENGTH: 27 INCHES (68.5CM)

YEAR RELEASED: 2013

\*Requires 4C batteries

>> The **Rapidstrike CS-18** blaster is a compact heavy blaster with excellent capacity and **high rate of fire**. Because of its relatively small size and light weight (it weighs significantly less than the Stampede ECS blaster, page 64), the Rapidstrike blaster can even be wielded as a pair in a breathtaking display of **N-Strike Elite Dart power**.

To load, first pop out the empty clip with the clip-release button, located under the front end of the trigger guard. Pop the full clip back into place, pull the acceleration trigger (located under the rear end of the trigger guard) to get the flywheel up to speed, and then pull the main trigger to fire.

The Rapidstrike blaster is also extremely flexible, thanks to its five tactical rails (including one each on the left and right sides of the barrel). And if the rapid firing, light weight, and expandability aren't enough to assert this blaster's awesomeness, its **18-dart clear clip** (which allows you to see how much ammo is left) should do the trick.



# FOAMPOWER TIMELINE

The following is an overview of the evolution of the NERF brand (focused on blasters), starting from the first NERF Ball to go on sale in 1969 until today. It is by no means complete, but it does

capture at a glance the important developments in NERF history. The actual launch dates of some of the products may be different depending on the launch timing and region.

<p><b>1971</b> NERF Indoor Flying Disc is released</p> 	<p><b>1976</b> NERF Rockets are introduced</p>	<p><b>1979</b> NERF turns 10</p> 	<p><b>1989</b> NERF turns 20; the Blast-A-Ball, the first NERF blaster, is released</p>	<p><b>1993</b> Rip Rockets, the first dart blasters to fire Micro Darts, are released</p> 	<p><b>1996</b> A line of wearable blasters, Cyber Stryke, is released</p>  <p>Blasters introduced include AutoGrip R180 (Cyber Stryke), Defender T3 (Cyber Stryke), Perceptor MD2 (Cyber Stryke), Strongarm AB2 (Cyber Stryke), Gator (Max Force), Whiptail Scorpion (Max Force), Manta Ray (Max Force), Stinging Scarab (Max Force)</p> 	<p><b>1997</b> The first Glow-in-the-Dark Darts are released; the SuperMAXX line is launched</p> 	<p>Blasters introduced include ArmorShot (Cyber Stryke), CommLink II (Cyber Stryke), Electric Eel (Max Force), Razor Fin (Max Force), SuperMAXX 750, SuperMAXX 1500, SuperMAXX 3000, Expand-A-Blast, Lock 'N Load, Mono Blast, Range Shot</p> 	<p><b>1999</b> NERF turns 30; Airjet Power line is launched</p>	<p>Blasters introduced include Lightnin' Blitz (Airjet Power), Secret Shot II (Airjet Power), Triple Strike (Airjet Power), Wildfire (Airjet Power), NitroQuad (Mega Blitz), Triple Torch (Mega Blitz), Pulsator</p>	<p><b>2001</b> Blasters introduced include Gyro Strike, Secret Strike Pocket Blaster, BlastFire DX500 (Power NERF), Rapid Fire AS-20 (Airjet Power)</p>	<p><b>2004</b> Dart Tag is introduced</p> 	<p>Blasters introduced include Hyperfire (Dart Tag), Nite Finder EX-3 (N-Strike), Buzzsaw (Ball Blasters)</p>	<p><b>2005</b> New Firefly Technology is introduced</p>	<p>Blasters introduced include Maverick REV-6 (N-Strike), Firefly REV-8 (N-Strike), Magstrike (Dart Tag), Strikefire (Dart Tag)</p> 	<p><b>2006</b> Streamline Darts and Clip System blasters are introduced with the Longshot CS-6</p> 	<p><b>2009 - 2010</b> Super Soakers are launched as part of NERF line-up</p> 	<p><b>2010</b> Clear Series is launched; Sonic Series is launched</p>	<p>Blasters introduced include Alpha Trooper CS-18 (N-Strike), Barrel Break IX-2 (N-Strike), Barricade RV-10 (N-Strike), Deploy CS-6 (N-Strike), Longstrike CS-6 (N-Strike), Spectre REV-5 (N-Strike), Stampede ECS (N-Strike)</p> 	<p><b>2013</b> MEGA Dart and full N-Strike Elite blaster lineup are launched</p>	<p>Blasters introduced include Centurion (MEGA), Alpha Trooper CS-12 (N-Strike Elite), Firestrike (N-Strike Elite), Rayven CS-18 (N-Strike Elite), Rough Cut 2X4 (N-Strike Elite), Strongarm (N-Strike Elite), Stryfe (N-Strike Elite), Triad EX-3 (N-Strike Elite), Diatron (Vortex), Revonix360 (Vortex), Blazin' Bow (N-Strike)</p>
<p><b>1969</b> The NERF Ball goes on sale</p> 	<p><b>1984</b> NERF sports products continue to expand with NERF Baseball and NERF Pool</p> 	<p><b>1978</b> The NERF Soccer Ball is introduced</p>	<p><b>1992</b> The Sharp Shooter, the first NERF dart blaster, is released</p>  <p>Blasters introduced include Sharp Shooter, Master Blaster, Missile Launcher</p>	<p><b>1991</b> The Bow 'N' Arrow is released</p> 	<p><b>1995</b> Ambush Rip Rocket line is launched</p> <p>Blasters introduced include Secret Shot, Sharp Shooter II, Ripsaw, Crossbow, ChainBlazer, Wrist Blitzer (Ambush Rip Rocket), Hidden Shot (Ambush Rip Rocket), Backlash (Ambush Rip Rocket), Iron Raptor (Max Force), Sawtooth (Max Force), Warthog (Max Force), Mad Hornet (Max Force)</p>	<p><b>1994</b> "It's NERF or Nothin'" becomes official slogan; the Max Force line of blasters—inspired by animals—is introduced</p> <p>Blasters introduced include Double Crossbow, Sneak Shot, Missile Storm, Switchfire, Ballzooka, Razorbeast (Max Force), Eagle Eye (Max Force)</p> 	<p><b>2000</b> SwitchShots line launches, able to shoot either foam darts or water</p> <p>Blasters introduced include FastBlast (Airjet Power), SplitFire (Airjet Power), Switch Shots Super, Switch Shots Ultra</p>	<p><b>1998</b> The first NERF disc and disc blaster are introduced; the Big Bad Bow is introduced</p> <p>Blasters introduced include FastBlast (Airjet Power), SplitFire (Airjet Power), Switch Shots Super, Switch Shots Ultra, Switch Shots Max, Big Bad Bow</p>	<p><b>2003</b> 3-in-1 blaster set is launched; NERF Atom Blasters are launched</p> <p>Blasters introduced include Atomizer (Atom Blaster), Reactor (Atom Blaster), Cyclotron (Atom Blaster), Unity Power System (Titan AS-V.1, Hornet AS-6, Scout IX-3) (N-Strike)</p> 	<p><b>2002</b> NERF Air Tech line is launched</p> <p>Blasters introduced include Air Tech 1000, Air Tech 2000, Air Tech 3000, Air Tech 4000</p> 	<p><b>2009</b> NERF turns 40; inaugural Dart Tag League Tournament is held</p> <p>Blasters introduced include Furyfire (Dart Tag), Raider Rapid Fire CS-35 (N-Strike), Reflex IX-1 (N-Strike)</p>	<p><b>2008</b> The first and only belt-fed motorized blaster, the Vulcan EBF-25, is introduced</p> <p>Blasters introduced include Eliminator (Dart Tag), Recon CS-6 (N-Strike), Switch Shot EX-3 (N-Strike), Vulcan EBF-25</p> 	<p><b>2007</b> Sonic Micro Dart/Whistler Dart is released</p> <p>Blasters introduced include Magstrike AS-10 (N-Strike)</p>	<p><b>2012</b> N-Strike Elite Dart and N-Strike Elite series are launched; Firefly Tech Clip is introduced</p> <p>Blasters introduced include Hail-Fire (N-Strike Elite), Rampage (N-Strike Elite), Retaliator (N-Strike Elite), Stockade (N-Strike Elite), Rayven CS-18 (N-Strike), Pyragon (Vortex), Lumitron (Vortex)</p> 	<p><b>2011</b> The XLR Disc and the Vortex line of disc blasters are launched</p> <p>Blasters introduced include, Jolt EX-1 (N-Strike), Nitron (Vortex), Praxis (Vortex), Proton (Vortex), Vigilon (Vortex), Quick 16, Sharp Shot (Dart Tag), Speedload 6 (Dart Tag), Speedswarm (Dart Tag), Swarmfire (Dart Tag)</p> 					

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