

The Tupolev Tu-160 is capable of carrying up to 88,180lbs in the two fuselage weapon bays, both of which are equipped with rotary MKU-6-5U launchers. The primary weapon employed is the Raduga Kh-55 (AS-15A Kent) or Kh-55SM (AS-15B) extended range cruise missile. Six of these weapons fit on each rotary launcher, with the wings and tails folded, for a total complement of twelve missiles. Alternatively, the Tu-160 can carry a total of 24 Raduga Kh-15S (AS-16 *Kickback*) short-range ASMs, twelve on each rotary launcher. The Kh-55 can also be carried by the Tu-95MS-6, while the Kh-15S is carried by the Tu-22M3 and Tu-9MS-6, in addition to the Tu-160.

Specifications:	Kh-55	Kh-55SM	Kh-15S
NATO Name	AS-15 Kent-A	AS-15 Kent-B	AS-16 Kickback
Length	5.88m	5.88m	4.78m
Wingspan	3.1m	3.1m	Om
Diameter	0.514m	0.514m	0.455m
Launch Weight	600kg	1700kg	1200kg
Warhead Weight	200kt Nuclear	200kt Nuclear	150kg
Range	2500km	3000km	150km
Launch Altitude	700-10,000m	700-10,000m	300-22,000m
Flight Altitude	40-110m	40-110m	Up to 40,000m
Speed	0.8 Mach	0.8 Mach	5.0 Mach
Powerplant	Turbofan	Turbofan	Solid Fuel Rocket Motor

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