

## Re: XM-8 Rifle

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On 1 Jun 2004 22:10:28 -0700, [Tony.Williams@quarry.nildram.co.uk](mailto:Tony.Williams@quarry.nildram.co.uk) (Tony Williams) carved upon a tablet of ether:

- > *There is no such thing as a 'magic bullet' which will instantly down*
- > *the enemy every time, but the performance of the 5.56mm does seem to*
- > *be particularly erratic. SOCOM sponsored the development of the 6.8mm*
- > *for that reason.*

And I'm betting that they'll get multiple hits on people that keep moving from that, too. If things go well they'll get fewer, but I think that this will depend on bullet design as much as the round's extra power.

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"Just because the truth will set you free doesn't mean the truth itself should be free."