Name: WESTAR-M5 blaster rifle
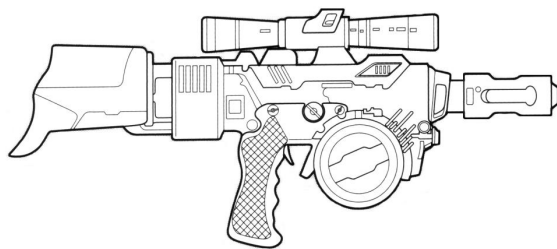Type: Blaster rifle
Scale: Character
Skill: Blaster; Blaster Rifle
Ammo: 100
Availability: 2,X
Range: 2-25/50/250
Damage: 5D (Semi-Automatic and Automatic Modes), 5D+2 (Burst Fire Mode, uses 3 shots)

Description: The WESTAR-M5 blaster rifle was a blaster rifle used during the Clone Wars by the Grand Army of the Republic. They were mainly used by Advanced Recon Commandos and Galactic Marines during the later years of the conflict.

The blaster rifle could be calibrated to fire in semi-automatic, automatic, and burst-fire modes, and could be equipped with a variety of attachments, including an under-barrel grenade launcher that could be used against armored enemies.

This weapon was seen as being very effective on such missions as the Battle of Muunilinst, where not only did it prove useful in providing rapid cover fire, but also of being able to break through the armor on the top of an Armored Assault Tank and disable it with several shots from the inside. The WESTAR-M5 also proved effective on Hypori when a crack team of ARC troopers were sent to the planet Hypori rescue the surviving Jedi that were commissioned there. The ARCs made great use of the attachable one-shot pump-action missile launcher and the rapid and powerful bursts of the gun to buy time for their teammates to save the surviving Jedi Generals.

This blaster improved on the DC-15 design, making it easier to aim. It featured an extendable stock and a larger ammunition magazine. The WESTAR-M5 used the same plasma/EMP hybrid as all clone trooper weapons, making it as powerful as the DC-15, combining power and accuracy into a small weapon.

This gun proved its effectiveness in a variety of situations and was indeed a powerful and useful weapon that was employed with deadly efficiency by the ARC troopers.