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A Comparison of Deployed Technology

Key

- US superior ■
- US/USSR equal ■
- USSR superior ■
- Soviet position improving ▶

The Pentagon says that in spite of the USSR's increasing economic difficulties, it continues to produce technologically advanced weapon systems. This relative comparison of technology levels in deployed military systems shows the overall average standing. The US has superior technology levels in most deployed systems, but, as the arrows indicate, this is changing significantly in the USSR's favor in several areas.

Strategic	
ICBMs ■	SAMs ■
SSBNs ■	Ballistic missile defense ■
SLBMs ▶	Antisatellite ■
Bombers ■	Cruise missiles ■
Tactical	
Land Forces	
SAMs (including naval) ▶	Antitank guided missiles ▶
Tanks ▶	Attack helicopters ▶
Artillery ■	Chemical warfare ■
Infantry combat vehicles ■	Biological warfare ■
Air Forces	
Fighter/attack and interceptor aircraft ▶	Air-to-surface munitions ▶
Air-to-air missiles ▶	Airlift aircraft ▶
Naval Forces	
SSNs ▶	Surface combatants ■
Torpedoes ■	Naval cruise missiles ▶
Sea-based aircraft ■	Mines ■
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Communications ▶	Early warning ■
ECM/ECCM ▶	Surveillance and reconnaissance ▶
Training Simulators	
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Source: US Department of Defense, *Soviet Military Power 1990*, September 1990.