

---

Subject: Re: FOAB

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Sun, 16 Sep 2007 03:37:52 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

---

Quote:On another note Russians say they have a 100mt nuke

Actually, the 50MT bomb the Russians blew off decades ago could have reached 100MT, with one alteration to the design. They elected not to allow it to reach its full potential for two reasons- first, nobody else had a bomb even that big, and they could always just tweak the design slightly to increase the yield if anyone ever did build a bigger one. Second, the weapon was undeliverable except by bomber, and even 50MT created almost too big an area of effect for the bomber crew to escape in time (not that crew survivability would have been a major concern for the USSR if the Cold War had ever gone hot)- it was already too big to be practical, and was basically just a "look at what WE have" bomb that would never have been used in a shooting war.

---