

Table 2: Solid Missile Development ^{[i][iii]}

Country	Start Solid-Fuel Missile Program	First Solid Fuel Missile Test	First Solid Fuel Missile Deployed	Total Years to Deployment
North Korea	Unknown	----	----	----
USSR	1959	1959	1972	13
US	1958 ^[iii]	1960	1963	5 ^[iv]
China	1965	1985	1991	26
India	1983	1999	2001	18

- i. This chart is part of an ongoing research project analyzing the rocket and missile programs of various countries. The data shown here is preliminary and not final.
- ii. It is difficult to gage when each country first began developing solid fueled technologies. Many countries utilize solid propellant technologies in rocket artillery, and therefore have much experience with the technology. The dates here correspond to ballistic missile specific solid propellant programs.
- iii. The US began exploring solid propellant in the 1930s; however 1958 was the year the Minuteman I, the first solid fueled ICBM, program began.
- iv. As stated above the US had significant experience with solid fuel prior to the Minuteman program.