

***Black powder has been used in the following bombings and is advertised as good material to make a pipe bomb:***

- **The Unabomber:** The FBI concluded that the Unabomber used black powder in a pipe bomb used in a May, 1985 attack in Auburn, Washington. The FBI found that the bomb was a combination of aluminum powder, potassium sulfate and a combustion product of black powder with eight “D” batteries as a fuse.
- **The Olympic Park Bomber:** The FBI concluded that in his July, 1997 attack at the Olympics in Atlanta, the Olympic Park bomber made a bomb using black powder which killed at least one woman at the scene. The FBI recently caught the lead suspect in this case, Eric Rudolph, in North Carolina.
- **The “Smiley Face Bomber:** The FBI concluded that the “Smiley Face Bomber,” a 21 year old college student who, used black powder in 2002 to make 18 pipe bombs which he detonated in 5 states from Illinois to Texas, wounding six people.
- **The Oklahoma City Bombing Case:** According to an FBI affidavit, a search of a farm belonging to James Nichols, brother of Terry Nichols, in Decker, Michigan in April 1995 found a number of bomb making materials, including black powder.
- **The Terrorist Handbook:** A search of the internet reveals a publication known as the “Terrorist Handbook,” in which the unknown author makes the statement that “Rocket engines are perhaps the single most useful item sold in stores to a terrorist, since they can be used as is, or can be cannibalized for their explosive powder.”  
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The following are excerpts taken directly from an Internet site called “The Terrorist's Handbook,” which was written by an unknown author. This is the site:  
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“Rockets and cannon are generally thought of as heavy artillery. Perpetrators of violence do not usually employ such devices, because they are difficult or impossible to acquire. They are not, however, impossible to make. Any individual who can make or buy black powder or pyrodex can make such things. A terrorist with a cannon or large rocket is, indeed, something to fear.”

“The ejection charge is finely powdered black powder. It burns very rapidly, exploding, in effect. The explosion of the ejection charge pushes out the parachute of the model rocket. It could also be used to ignite the fuse of a bomb...”

“6.11 BASIC ROCKET BOMB A rocket bomb is simply what the name implies: a bomb that is delivered to its target by means of a rocket. Most people who would make such a device would use a model rocket engine to power the device.”

“6.13 MULTIPLE WARHEAD ROCKET BOMBS M.R.V." is an acronym for Multiple Reentry Vehicle. The concept is simple: put more than one explosive warhead on a single missile. This can be done without too much difficulty by anyone who knows how to make crater-makers and can buy rocket engines.”

“Tear gas is another material that might well be useful to the sociopath, and such a material could be instantly disseminated over a large crowd by means of a rocket-bomb, with nasty effects.”

“4.54 LIGHTBULB BOMBS - An automatic reaction to walking into a dark room is to turn on the light. This can be fatal, if a lightbulb bomb has been placed in the overhead light socket. A lightbulb bomb is surprisingly easy to make. It also comes with its own initiator and electric ignition system. ...[T]he bulb can be filled with an explosive material, such as black powder. ... Such a device has been used by terrorists or assassins with much success, since nobody can search the room for a bomb without first turning on the light.”