XMLR-1A laser rifle

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XMLR-1A. An experimental military laser rifle developed around 1980. The XMLR-1A was a shoulder-fired rifle that fired a sustained laser beam that could be used to burn through almost anything. Looking for a place to test their prototype, the Army chose the G.I. Joe team because of the relative secrecy of their missions and the Joe team's use of the highest technology the military had to offer. Flash was chosen to test the rifle based on his electronic engineering skills. The major drawback of the XMLR was the necessity of the soldier to wear a bulky backpack that powered the weapon.