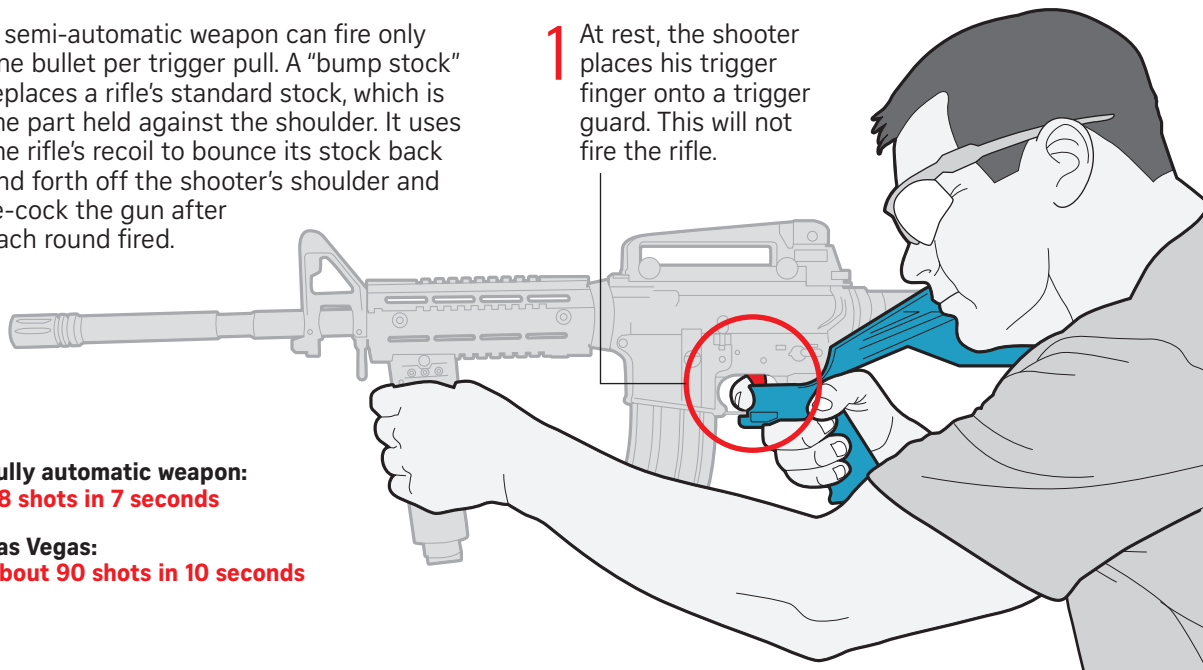


How a bump stock works

Twelve of the rifles the gunman in the Las Vegas mass shooting had in his 32nd-floor hotel room were each modified with a "bump stock", an attachment that enables a semi-automatic rifle to fire faster.

A semi-automatic weapon can fire only one bullet per trigger pull. A "bump stock" replaces a rifle's standard stock, which is the part held against the shoulder. It uses the rifle's recoil to bounce its stock back and forth off the shooter's shoulder and re-cock the gun after each round fired.

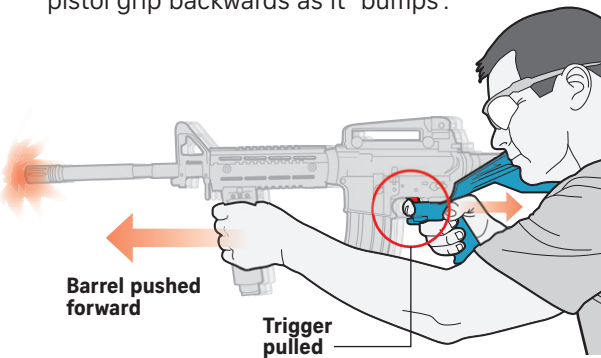
1 At rest, the shooter places his trigger finger onto a trigger guard. This will not fire the rifle.



Fully automatic weapon:
98 shots in 7 seconds

Las Vegas:
About 90 shots in 10 seconds

2 While firing, the shooter has to hold his trigger finger in place while simultaneously pushing the barrel forward and pulling the pistol grip backwards as it "bumps".



3 The recoil re-cocks the weapon without disengaging the trigger. Basically, the shooter can empty an entire clip by pulling the trigger just once.

