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1. The USSR possesses about 70 midget submarines, a large portion of which are believed to be operational. They are based in the Baltic, the Black Sea, and the Pacific. Because of their characteristics, each port or auxiliary ship with a 20-ton crane could constitute a base. About 20 of these submarines are of the ex-German SEEHUND type and the rest, about 50, of a Soviet type, improved in part on the SEEHUND type.
2. Following are the characteristics of the ex-German SEEHUND type of Soviet midget submarine:
 - a. Size: 12 x 1.80 x 1.80 meters. 16 tons.
 - b. Type of propulsion: 60 hp diesel motor; 30 hp electric motor.
 - c. Speed: five knots surfaced; three knots submerged.
 - d. Endurance: 250 miles at five knots surfaced; 60 miles at three knots submerged.
 - e. Size and kind of explosive charge: two torpedoes of 450 (sic), attached outside the hull and releasable from the inside.
 - f. Complement: three men.
 - g. Constructed of magnetic or non-magnetic materials: unknown.
 - h. Fitted with degaussing equipment: unknown.
 - i. Fitted for towing: yes.
3. Following are the characteristics of the Soviet type of midget submarine:
 - a. Size: 12 meters. About 20 tons.
 - b. Type of propulsion and speed not known.

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- c. Endurance: ten hours submerged at a low speed.
- d. Size and kind of explosive: two torpedoes as in the SEEHUND type.
- e. Complement: four men.
- f. No information on construction materials or degaussing equipment.
- g. Fitted for towing: believed to be.

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