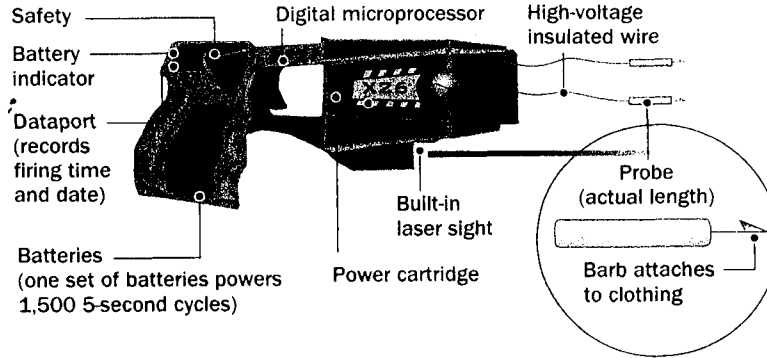


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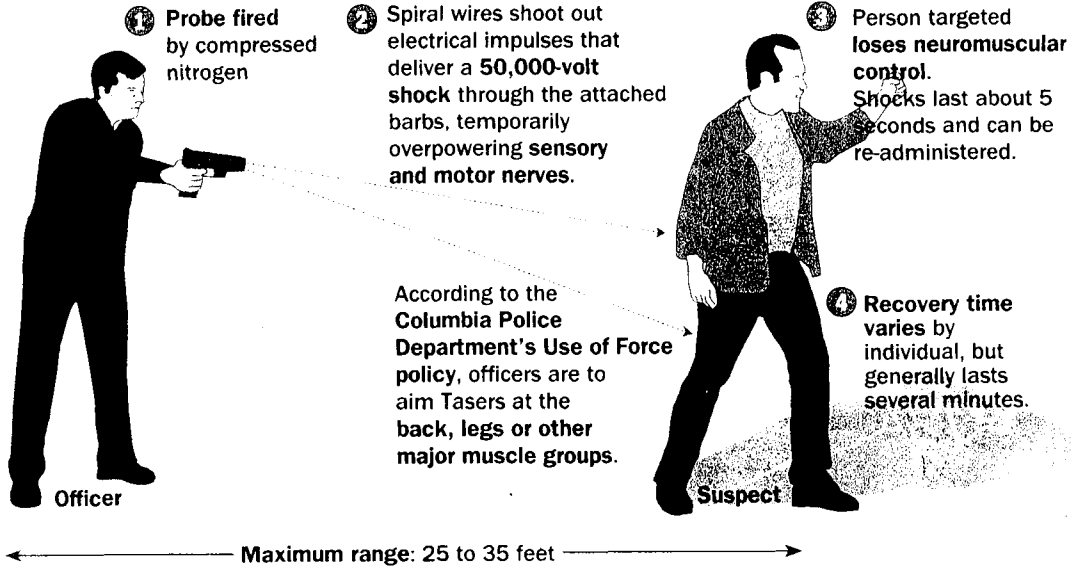
A majority of the Columbia Police Department's patrol division will be equipped with Taser stun guns by the end of the year. Currently 38 patrol officers use the X26 Electronic Control Device; the department plans to purchase 32 more.

THE WEAPON

X26 ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE
Maximum range: 35 feet
Weight: 7.2 ounces
 (including batteries and power cartridge)
Probe speed: More than 100 miles per hour
Power: Electrical impulses can penetrate 2 inches of clothing



HOW IT WORKS



Source: TASER INTERNATIONAL, LOS ANGELES TIMES, COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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