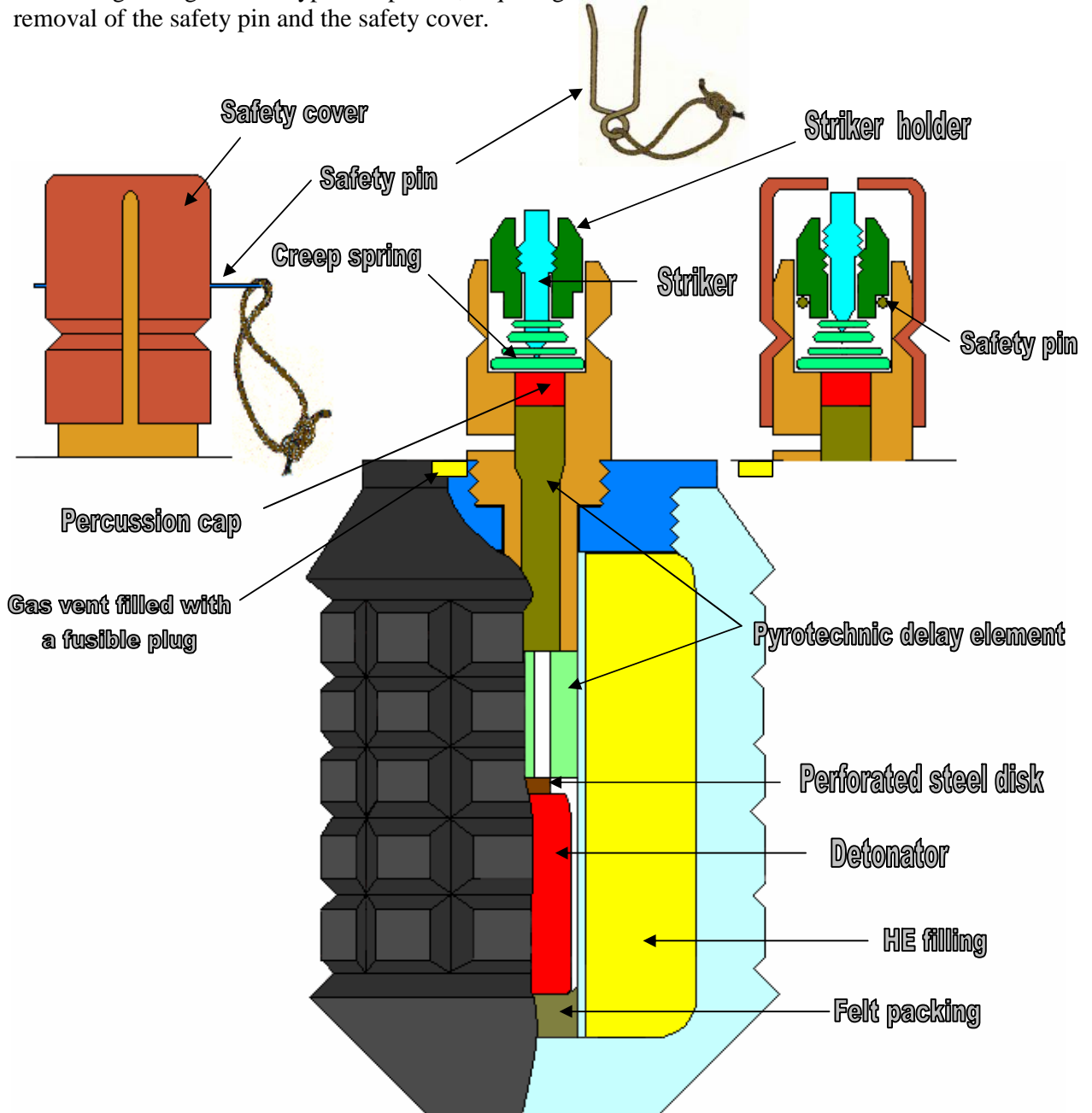


TYPE 97 HAND GRENADE

This hand grenade is similar to the type 91 with the exception that the base is not threaded and therefore cannot be fitted with a propelling charge. It is purely a hand grenade. The usual fallacy of providing a segmented body to encourage uniform fragmentation is evident. The filling was 65 grammes of powdered TNT

The fuzeing arrangement is typical Japanese, requiring a movement to screw down a striker then the removal of the safety pin and the safety cover.



ACTION.

To arm the grenade the striker is screwed down as far as it will go. The safety pin and the safety cover are then removed. The striker is hit onto some hard surface and the grenade is then thrown. The pyrotechnic delay element gives a delay of 4 to 5 seconds.

