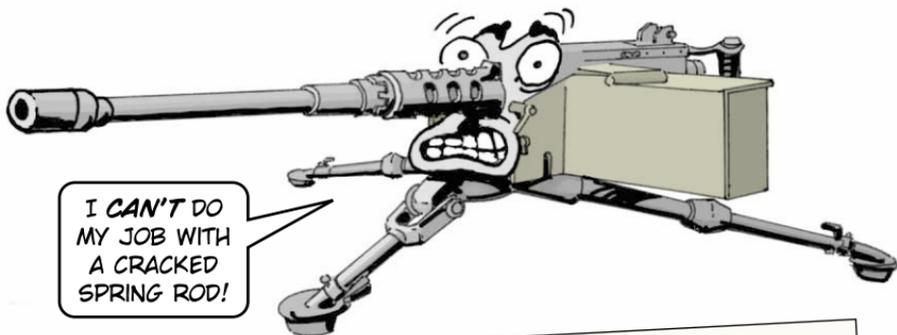


CRACKED SPRING ROD NMC



Dear Editor,

In our arms room inspections, we've noticed that almost half of the driving spring rods for our M2 machine guns are cracked, usually at the end of the rod. But when you check Step 24 in the PMCS in TM 9-1005-213-23, it says the rod's OK as long as it's not broken.

We feel the rod should be replaced if it's cracked.

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If driving spring rod's cracked, get it replaced



From the desk of the *Editor*

The M2 experts at TACOM-Rock Island agree with you. In the next update to TM 9-1005-213-23, Step 24 will say the M2 is not fully mission capable if the driving spring rod is broken **or** cracked.

Improved Aiming Post Lights

New aiming post lights are available for the M120/M121, M252, and M224 mortars. These lights are less of a radiation hazard than the old ones. Order the new M58 light with NSN 1290-01-443-8389 and the new M59 light with NSN 1290-01-443-9344. Both lights are used with all four mortar systems. When they no longer work, dispose of both the old lights and the new lights as radioactive waste.