

# FIRING PIN NOT FOR CLEANING

HEY, LI'L BUDDY, MY BOLT CARRIER'S ALL GUNKED UP.

D'YOU THINK YOU COULD CLEAN IT OUT FOR ME?



LISTEN AND LISTEN GOOD! I'M **NOT** A CLEANING TOOL.

I'M A FIRING PIN! THAT'S WHAT I'M FOR ...**FIRING!**

**NOTHING ELSE!!! GOT IT?**



Dear Editor,

As a small arms inspector, I check out many M16 rifles and M4A1 carbines. I've found a number of weapons that had firing pins with a blunted tip and a ring cut in the pin's shaft. A firing pin in that condition probably won't ignite the cartridge and must be replaced.

Armorer's tell me the problem is that soldiers are taught in basic training to use the firing pin to clean inside the bolt carrier. But that's wrong! A worn bore brush and CLP should be used to clean inside the bolt carrier, not a firing pin.

If armorer's would stress this during training, they would save their units the cost of new firing pins.

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**From the desk of the Editor**

*Are you listening, armorers?  
Pass the word to your unit.*



I'VE GOT THIS DIRT IN MY SIGHT... COULD YOU HELP?  
**NO!**

WHAT ABOUT THE EXCESS CLP ON MY STOCK?  
**NO!**

WELL, MY STOCK COULD USE SOME POLISH...  
->SHEESH-<  
**NO!**

