

Smooth Sighting and Extracting



A little PM on your part will smooth out sighting and extracting on your M249 machine gun.

If the rear sight moves like it has arthritis, don't wait for your armorer to fix it. Do it yourself!

Attack the sight with a toothbrush. Brush the sight until you've removed dirt or sand that's jamming moving parts. Then put a couple of drops of CLP on both the windage and elevation knobs and work the knobs back and forth until they move smoothly.

If the knobs are still difficult to move, the sight needs to be taken apart by your armorer and cleaned.

The pin that holds the extractor in place can work out. Then your M249 can jam and leave you with a stuck live round. When you do your before-operation PMCS, eyeball the extractor pin. If it's working out, tell your armorer. He may need to have support put in a new pin.

