

DON'T BE A TOOL FOOL

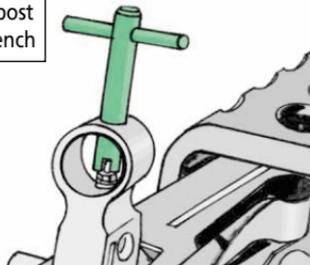
If everybody used the right tool for each job, it would prevent lots of damage to equipment. That's especially true for the M249 machine gun.

✧ There's only one tool for adjusting the front sight post—and gunners don't have it. Only your armorer adjusts the front sight with the front sight post spanner wrench, NSN 5120-01-141-3839.

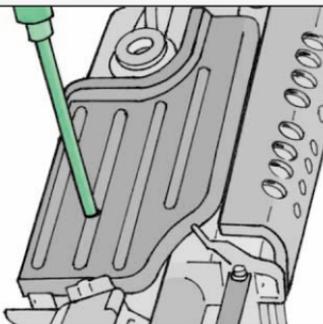
If you adjust the post with the usual tool—a nail—you damage the post. Then you can forget about accurate sighting.

✧ Use a cleaning rod to remove the handguards. If you use the op rod, it gets bent and must be replaced.

Armorer adjusts post with spanner wrench



Use cleaning rod on handguards



Converting M60 Tripods for M249s

Dear Half-Mast,

We have several tripods for M60 machine guns, but we no longer have M60 machine guns. Is there any way to convert the tripods for use with the M249 machine gun?

CPT J.R.

Dear Captain J.R.,

You bet. To use the M122 tripod with the M249, order a traversing and elevation (T&E) adapter, NSN 1005-01-225-1156, and an ammo bracket adapter, NSN 1005-01-425-6541. The T&E adapter is Item 1 in Fig C-14A-1 of TM 9-1005-201-23&P and the bracket adapter will be added in the next change to TM 9-1005-201-10.

If you were one of the units whose M249s were converted to the light machine gun role, you should have received the two adapters. If you didn't, contact your TACOM-Rock Island logistics assistance rep or your force mod officer.

Half-Mast