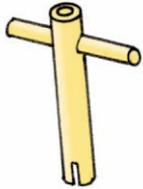


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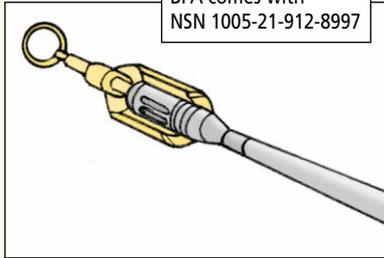
- You need the front sight adjustment tool, NSN 5120-01-141-3839. Without the tool, you'll have trouble adjusting the sight and could even damage it. The tool costs only a little more than \$6, so order an extra one. The tool often disappears.

Get front sight adjustment tool



- The NSN for the blank firing attachment has changed to NSN 1005-21-912-8997. If you order the NSN listed in TM 9-1005-201-10 (July 1991) the order will be kicked back.

BFA comes with NSN 1005-21-912-8997



- Check the safeties on your M249s by locking the bolt to the rear, pushing the safety to SAFE and pulling the trigger. The bolt should not move. Safeties wear out just like the other parts on the M249. If the safety doesn't work, the gun can fire accidentally and you're left explaining why to the next-of-kin.

Set safety to SAFE and pull trigger

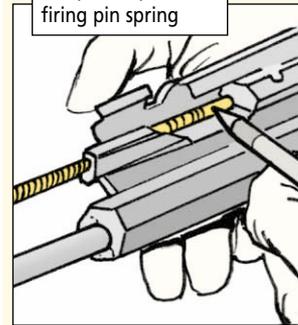


- If your unit is going to do much firing, make sure the spare barrels head-spaced for your M249s leave the arms room with the M249s. The barrel is supposed to be changed every 200 rounds during both sustained and rapid fire. If it's not, heat can warp the barrel. Make sure your unit knows those firing limits. Most spare barrels never make it out of the arms room.



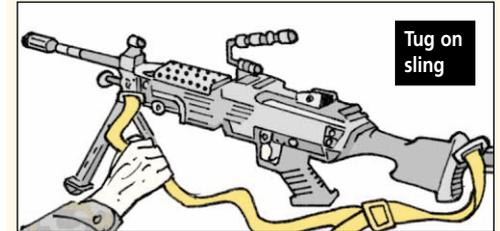
- Don't pull the firing pin spring off. That stretches the spring and ruins it. Use a small screwdriver or pen to push the spring off.

Use pen to push off firing pin spring



- Tug on the slings to make sure they hold. Sometimes the metal rings on the gun wear out and the sling comes loose. That can lead to a damaging fall.

Tug on sling



I HOPE YOU SAW WHAT I MEAN ABOUT YOUR SAW!

