

# HOW WORN IS TOO WORN?

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE! MY BOLT STUD SLOT IS **BARELY WORN!**

I'VE STILL GOT A LOT OF FIRING IN ME!! HALF-MAST! Y'GOTTA TELL HIM!

HE'S RIGHT.

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN MAKE THE PMCS CRITERIA **CLEARER.**

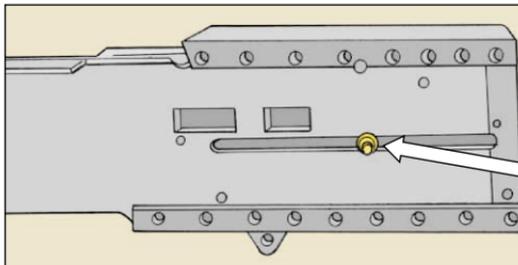


Dear Half-Mast,  
PMCS Item 15 on Page 0010 00-27 in the M2 machine gun's TM 9-1005-213-23&P says that if the upper part of the slot for the M10 manual charger is worn, the M2 is not mission capable. We see lots of M2s that have slight wear in this area, so technically they should be classed NMC. But we think they are still good for battle. Can you give us a more precise criteria than "worn"?

D.S.

Dear D.S.,

Sure. As long as the bolt stud that travels the slot doesn't have more than a slight up-or-down or side-to-side movement, it's OK for the upper part of the slot to be slightly worn. But if the bolt is so loose in the slot that you think it will cause the M2 to malfunction, turn in the gun. *Half-Mast*



Bolt stud have more than slight movement?