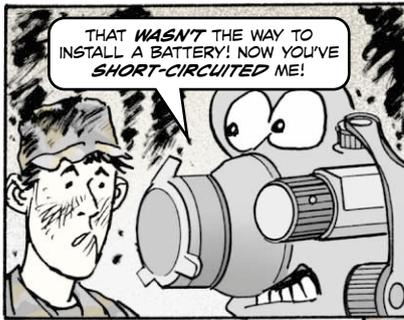


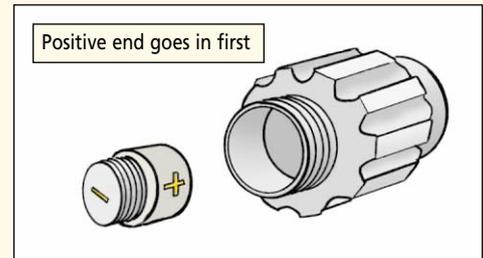
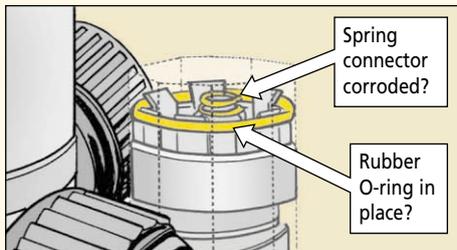
STOP SHORT CIRCUITING SHORT



If the battery isn't installed correctly in your M16 rifle or M4 carbine's M68 reflex sight, you can short circuit the sight. And that short circuits your own sighting.

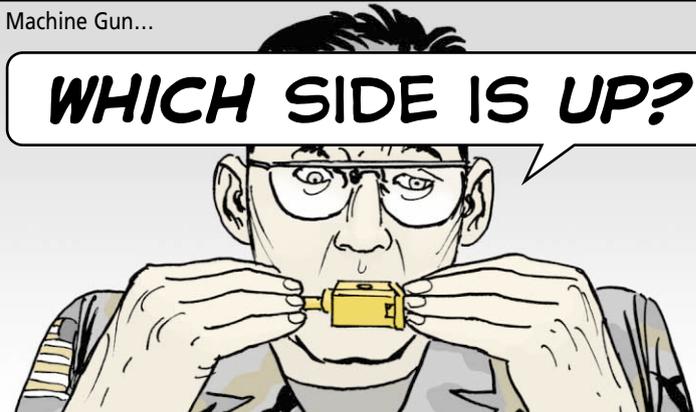
So here's what you need to do when you install the battery:

- Remove the battery cap by turning it counterclockwise.
- Check that the rubber O-ring is on the 6-pronged connection post (some earlier versions may not have the O-ring).
- Eyeball the spring connector for corrosion. Make sure the connector sticks up slightly from the foam pad. If you spot corrosion, clean it off with a wire brush.
- Check that the rubber O-ring is on the battery cap. It prevents corrosion.



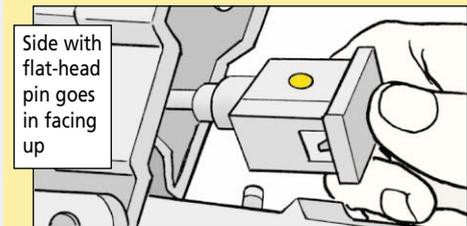
- Insert the battery in the center of the battery cap with the positive end towards the cap. Never use your finger to force the battery into the battery compartment against the contacts. Don't bend or move the prongs for better battery contact. That could lead to a short circuit.
- Never bend, cut, or modify in any way the O-ring, foam pad, spring connector, 6-pronged clip, or battery cap. That could ruin the M68.
- Turn the battery cap clockwise until it's handtight. Don't force it tighter or you could damage the sight.
- Turn the rotary switch clockwise to make sure the red dot appears.

WHICH SIDE IS UP?



Dear Half-Mast,
The M249 machine gun's TM 9-1005-201-10 on Page 3-61 says to install the transfer mechanism with the headed end of the vertical pin up. I have trouble telling which is the headed end. One side of the mechanism has a pin with an indent and the opposite side has a flat-head pin. Which should go up?

Dear Mr. V.B.,
Put the transfer mechanism in the receiver with the flat-head pin side up.



V.B.

Half-Mast