

# Be Clear on Correct Clearing

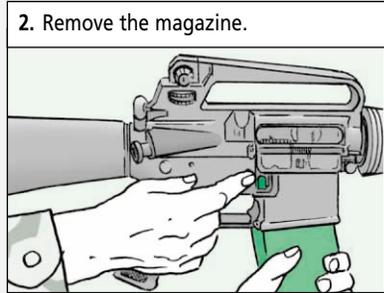
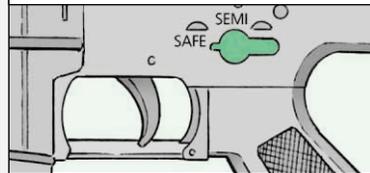


Some units think the best way to check on the range for an unfired round in their M16 rifles or M4/M4A1 carbines is to jam a cleaning rod all the way down the barrel.

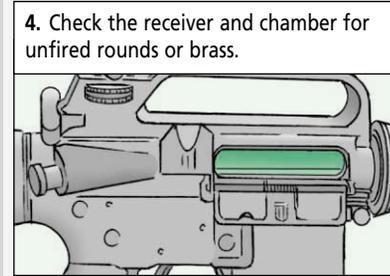
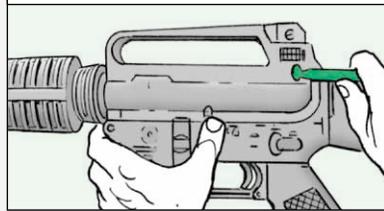
The problem with that method is that the rod can damage the bolt face. That leaves you with a weapon that may not fire and a ruined bolt.

"Rodding" a weapon is not necessary. It doesn't take that much longer to correctly clear your M16 or M4/M4A1 like this:

1. Point the weapon in a safe direction, cock it and put it on SAFE. Won't go on SAFE? Proceed with caution!

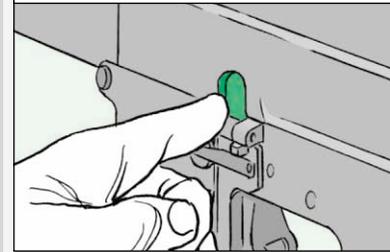


3. Pull the charging handle back. Press the bottom of the bolt catch and let the bolt move forward until the bolt catch engages it. Push the charging handle to its forward position.



4. Check the receiver and chamber for unfired rounds or brass.

5. With the weapon still on SAFE, press the upper part of the bolt catch so that the bolt goes to the forward position. You're done.



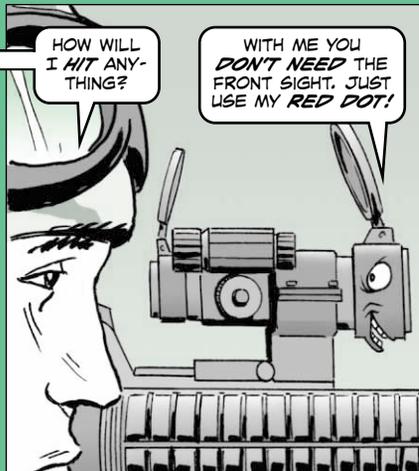
## Should M68

## Block Sight Post?



OH, NO!

I CAN'T SEE ALL OF THE FRONT SIGHT POST!



HOW WILL I HIT ANYTHING?

WITH ME YOU DON'T NEED THE FRONT SIGHT. JUST USE MY RED DOT!

Dear Half-Mast,  
We are installing M68 reflex sights on our M16 rifles and have a problem with the M68 blocking part of the front sight post. Is there a spacer or something similar we could install that would take care of this?  
CPT J.P.

Dear Captain J.P.,  
There is no fix for this problem because it isn't really a problem. If you're using the front sight post to align the M68, first zero the M16 or M4/M4A1 like it says in the M16's TM 9-1005-319-10. Then go to the alignment procedure that begins on WP 0005 00-10 in the M68's TM 9-1240-413-12&P. To align the M68 you need to see only the top of the front sight post, not the whole post.  
Once you've done the rough alignment using the front sight post, you will use the red dot for sighting, not the sight post.

*Half-Mast*