

SEMIANNUAL EXERCISE A MUST



Exercise only twice a year and chances are you'll be a flabby mess. Fortunately that's all it takes to keep the M256 main gun's recoil mechanism ship-shape, though.

So, mechanics, don't forget to take a look at the tank's DA Form 2408-4, *Weapon Record Data*, during semiannual services.

Specifically, look to see when the tank was last fired or the M256 recoil mechanism was exercised.

If neither has happened in the last six months, exercise it now. The preferred methods of exercising the recoil mechanism are:

1. Firing the main gun.
2. Using the gun mount exciser, NSN 4933-01-346-1791.
3. Using the M3 oil pump, NSN 4933-00-712-2378.

If you don't exercise the recoil mechanism every six months like it says in TB 9-1000-234-13, *Exercising of Recoil Mechanisms and Equilibrators*, the gun mount seals are guaranteed to fail.

You can check the DA Form 2408-4 on-line at:
<https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/guncard/index.cfm>



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(Do NOT send DA Form 2408-4 for the M242 to Watkinson Arsenal. M242 sound count is NOT centrally recorded or tracked.)