

M16-Series
Rifle,
M4/M4A1
Carbine...



LEAVE TRIGGER ASSEMBLY ALONE

Recently during training, a unit had an M16 rifle that wouldn't stop firing. A runaway M16 is bad in training, but in actual combat it could be a disaster since you've lost control of your rifle. How do you prevent your M16 or M4/M4A1 from running away on you?

First and most important, **don't take the trigger assembly apart**. You're not trained or authorized to do that. If the trigger assembly is put together wrong—and it's not easy to put it together right—you could have a runaway.

Second, do the function test that's listed in WP 0010 in TM 9-1005-319-10 before you fire. That will catch problems with the trigger assembly.

Finally, armorers, make sure your support does the hammer and trigger pin hole gauging check on Page 3-69 in TM 9-1005-319-23&P during annual gauging. That will let you know when the holes have gotten too big to securely hold the hammer and trigger pins.



Direct Support needs to gauge trigger and hammer pin holes annually

