

Turn in M1200 Shotguns

MEET THE ARMY'S NEW SHOTGUN, THE M500 MOSSBERG.

IT'S TOTALLY REPLACING THE M1200.



Dear Half-Mast,

We have been told we can't deploy to Iraq with our M1200 shotguns. What gives?

CW2 J.S.

Dear Chief J.S.,

The M1200 shotgun is obsolete and has been replaced by the M500 Mossberg shotgun, NSN 1005-01-295-1832. If your unit is authorized shotguns and you have M1200s, you should get them replaced with M500s since the M1200 is no longer supported by the Army. If you need help, contact TACOM-Rock Island's Flora Taylor at DSN 793-1943/(309) 782-1943 or email:

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TM 9-1005-338-13&P
covers the M500.

Half-Mast

M120/M121 Mortar...

DO PITS MATTER?

Dear Half-Mast,

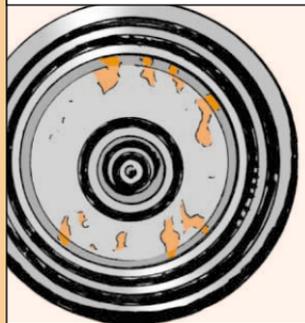
On our M120/M121 mortars, we have noticed pitting in the bottom of the breech cap where the firing pin goes. Is this something to be concerned about? We were wondering if that could mean the breech cap is unsafe.

SGT J.K.

Dear Sergeant J.K.,

You bet pits matter. Any pitting more than .01 inch deep over a .375-in area (about the size of the top of a pencil) condemns the breech cap and tube. They need to be sent to direct support for borescoping and pullover. Mortar units should look for pitting in the tube and breech cap during PMCS.

Pits deeper than .01 inch condemn breech cap and tube



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