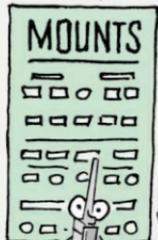


How Do I Get A Mount Poster?

THIS POSTER HAS WHAT WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER!

ALL THE PARTS AND NSNS ARE HERE!



Dear Half-Mast,

Thanks for the article in PS 621 (Aug 04) on all the mounting options for machine guns. It answered a lot of our questions on what was needed for different vehicles and the NSNs for ordering mounts and supporting hardware. We heard there is now a poster showing that information. How can we get it?

SGT B.R.

Dear Sergeant B.R.,

Your pubs clerk can order DA Poster 750-97 through your pubs account.

Half-Mast

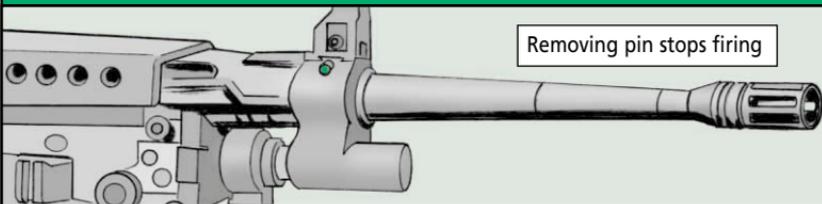
M249
Machine
Gun...

LEAVE THAT PIN ALONE!

Some M249 machine gunners are removing the short pin that holds the gas regulator collar on some short barrels and replacing it with a longer pin from the standard M249 barrel or the newer short barrel. They figure a longer pin will keep the heatshield from rotating on the barrel.

Bad move!

Removing pin stops firing



The pin is supposed to be permanently installed and is considered a non-repairable item. Once the pin has been removed, the holes for the gas system in the collar and barrel won't line up properly. Then the gas system doesn't have enough gas to force the bolt back and the M249 stops firing. And there's nothing you can do to fix it other than replacing the \$814 barrel.

Hands off that pin!