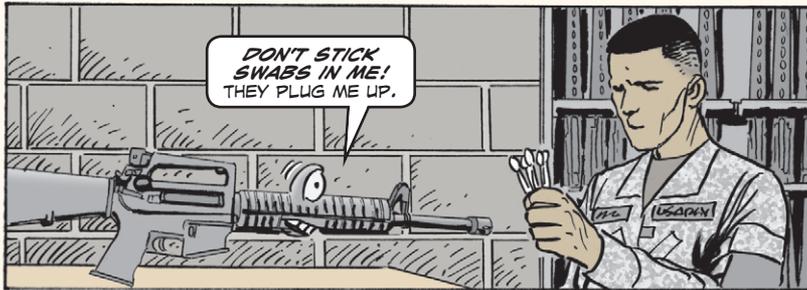


# STICK THIS IN YOUR PIPE CLEANER



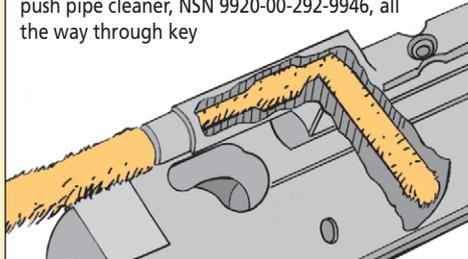
Dear Editor,

PS has told its readers many times not to use cotton swabs to clean their M16 rifles and M4 carbines. Why? Because the swabs come off and plug up the gas system.

But that's not all, as we can testify from recent experience. The cotton swabs mix with CLP or whatever lubricant the soldier uses and turn rock hard. We had a case where the bolt carrier key was blocked so badly we couldn't budge the swab/lube plug and had to junk the bolt carrier. In battle, you would be left with a useless weapon.

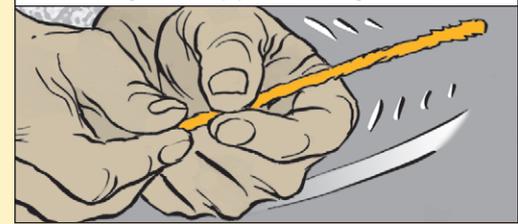
The best way to clean the carrier key is with a worn bore brush. Don't use a new bore brush, because cleaning the carrier key ruins the brush for cleaning the bore. But the bore brush can't bend so it won't be able to completely go through the carrier key. That's why you also need to push a pipe cleaner completely through the carrier key to push out any obstructions.

After cleaning carrier key with old bore brush, push pipe cleaner, NSN 9920-00-292-9946, all the way through key



A good tip for using a pipe cleaner is to first run your fingers down the pipe cleaner to remove any lint from it before using it. That way lint comes off on your fingers rather than inside the gas system where it can mix with lube, harden, and cause problems.

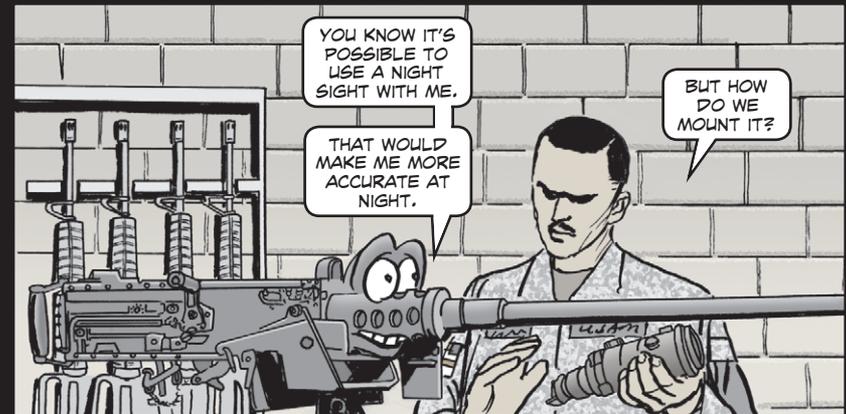
Run fingers down pipe cleaner to get rid of lint



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*Editor's note: Armorer, ban cotton swabs in your unit. Teach your soldiers the bore brush and pipe cleaner method and you'll prevent plugged M16 and M4 gas systems.*

# Mounting Sights on M2 Machine Gun



Dear Half-Mast,  
Is there a mounting bracket for mounting sights like the AN/PVS-4 on the M2 machine gun?

Dear Chief A.A.,

Sure is, Sir. Order it with NSN 5340-01-502-7233. Don't forget the Small Arms Integration Booklet has info on almost all of the sights and mounting brackets. You can access it:

<http://www.train.army.mil>

*Half-Mast*