

HOW LOOSE CAN RIVETS BE?

I'M JUST NOT SURE HOW *LOOSE* YOUR RIVETS CAN BE...

WELL... LET'S FIND OUT!

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, ONE THAT HAS ARMORERS AND THEIR DIRECT SUPPORT CONFUSED ABOUT M2 MACHINE GUN RIVETS.

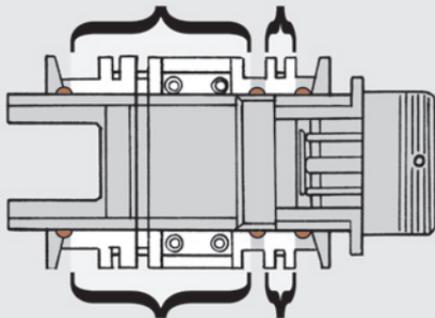
HERE'S THE STRAIGHT SCOOP...

Armorers—Do the PMCS check in Item 14 on WP 0010 00-23 in TM 9-1005-213-23&P (Change 2). Check the receiver for cracks or movement of riveted components. Rivets are allowed to turn as long as there's no movement of riveted components. Item 14 says "If there are more than a total of eight loose rivets on the receiver or more than six loose rivets on the top plate, bottom plate or trunnion block, send to direct support." **Disregard that.** That will be changed to say "If there is movement of riveted components, send to direct support."

Direct support—Verify that there is movement of riveted components. If there is, the M2 is unserviceable and must be turned in for overhaul.

But it is OK for the feed pawl brackets to have some movement. The maximum allowable looseness or gap permitted between the belt holding ammo brackets and the side plates is 0.010 inch. The receiver is unserviceable if a 0.010 feeler gauge passes through the area between the rivets.

Does feeler gauge pass between rivets?



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