

M230 Automatic Gun...

LISTEN TO THESE TIPS FROM SERGEANT SMITH.

THEY'LL KEEP YOUR M230 FIRING HAPPILY!

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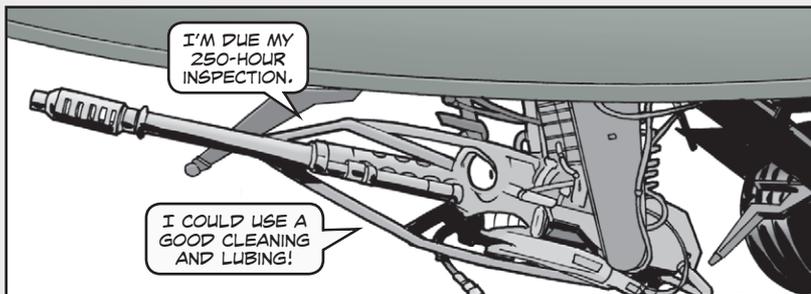


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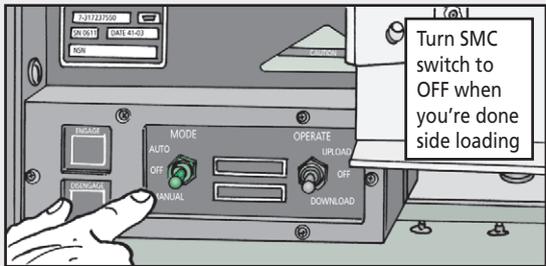
Dear Editor,

Experience has taught us a few good lessons about our M230 automatic guns that I thought I should share with other aviation units:

- We eliminated almost all firing problems by taking the M230 completely apart at the 250-hour inspections and thoroughly cleaning and lubing it.

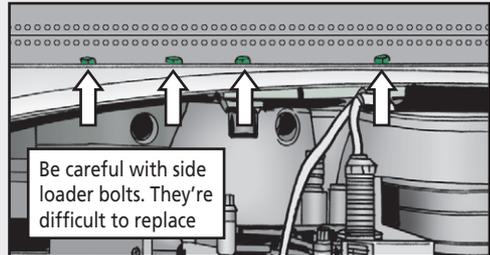
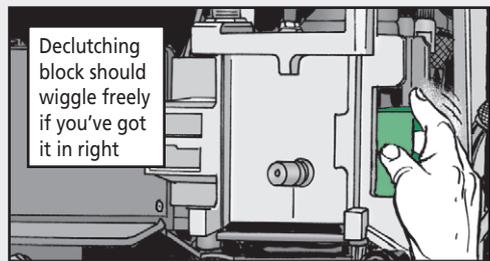


- When you're through side loading the M230 in the manual mode, don't forget to turn the SMC (sideloader/magazine controller) switch to OFF. If you forget, the gear for the right-hand elbow on the SMC will twist off and break.



- Make sure you put in the SMC declutching block correctly. It's easy to get it wrong and that bends the guide for the bullet trays. The guide should fit in the groove of the block and the block should be flush against the front plate. If the block can be wiggled freely, you've got it right. If the block won't move, you need to make sure the guide is positioned in the block groove.
- Be very careful with the bolts for the side loader. If you break one, it can take weeks to get a replacement.

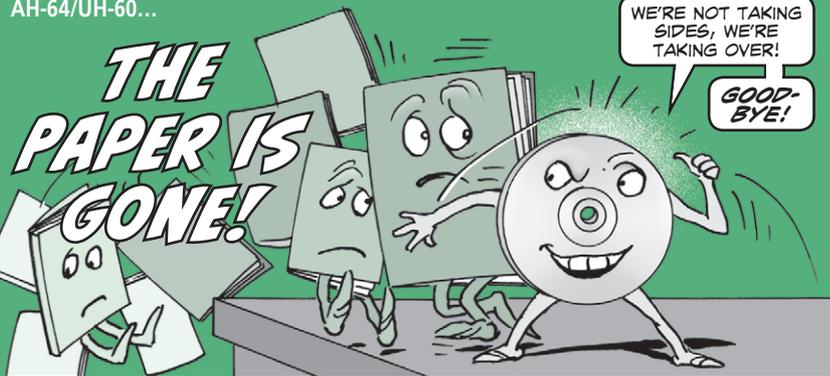
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Editor's note: You are the voice of experience. Thanks for the excellent M230 tips.

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Black Hawk and AH-64 mechanics, there's something new on the horizon for your engine manuals.

The T700-series paper technical manuals are gone. TM 1-2840-248-23, TM 1-2840-238-23P, TM 1-2840-248-23P, and TM 1-2840-258-23P have been replaced by EM 0271, TM 1-2840-248-23&P/T.O. 2J-T700-16.

For those who've been using paper engine manuals for eons, the new IETM will be awkward at first, but as you continually use the IETM, you'll get familiar with it.

Make a note that all the information in the paper TMs is now on one CD-ROM, and you'll be able to view the IETM on the LOGSA and KAMNET websites soon.