

ARE THERE SPRING LENGTH STANDARDS?



IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW LONG...

...OR SHORT WE ARE AS LONG AS WE DON'T HAVE BROKEN COILS.

Dear Half-Mast,

Are there minimum and maximum length standards for the M249 machine gun recoil and firing pin springs? I can't find anything in TM 9-1005-201-13&P on that.

SSG J.D.

Dear Sergeant J.D.,

No, there is no length standard for either spring. For the recoil spring, the inspection criteria is "spring should not have more than one broken strand on the same coil, or more than two broken strands, regardless of location, on entire spring".

For the firing pin spring, the criteria is "check for kinks, breaks, and retention capability".

Half-Mast

HOW DO YOU STORE M11 PISTOLS?

Dear Half-Mast,

What rack do you store M11 pistols in? We think it's the M14 rack, which is the one used for M9 pistols. But doesn't that rack need to be modified?

SGT J.B.

Dear Sergeant J.B.,

You're right that M11s are stored in the M14 rack, NSN 1095-01-236-2203. If you have the newer M14, it has magazine well guides that work with both the M9 and M11. If you have the original M14, you will need to replace the guides with those that come with NSN 1005-01-439-5566.

Half-Mast

Old M14 rack needs different magazine well guides

