

STAMP OUT BARREL MARKING

OK, WE'VE GOT THE DOG TAGS FOR MY BARRELS, BUT HOW DO WE PUT THE ID NUMBER ON THEM?

I KNOW JUST WHO TO ASK!



Dear Half-Mast,

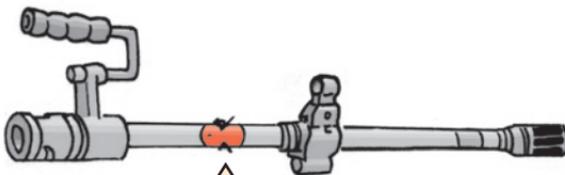
I know PS has talked about how important it is to ID both barrels for the M2, M249, and M240 machine guns. That way you know you're using a barrel headspaced for that specific weapon. You recommended using a dog tag to put the ID number on. I know you can get the dog tags with NSN 8465-00-242-4804. How do you stamp the numbers on them?

SPC A.B.

Dear Specialist A.B.,

Your direct support has metal stamping die sets that are part of the All Direct Support Shop. If they don't have the stamping sets, you can order one for $\frac{1}{8}$ -in numbers with NSN 5110-00-289-0002. Then use safety wire to fasten the dog tag to the barrel. Make sure the wire ends don't stick out where they can poke someone.

You can also paint the number on the barrel.



Use safety wire to attach dog tag to barrel

What you *don't* want to do is engrave the number on the barrel. That ruins the barrel's finish, which leads to corrosion and a ruined barrel.

Half-Mast