

Small  
Arms...

# OVERHAULED WEAPONS DO NEED GAUGING

DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT  
GAUGING ME.

I'VE JUST  
COME BACK  
FROM OVER-  
HAUL, SO I'M  
**GOOD TO  
GO!**

WELL, LET'S  
DO THE  
GAUGING AND  
MAKE SURE.

NO SENSE  
TAKING  
CHANCES!



Dear Editor,

I couldn't disagree more with your article on Page 16 in PS 659 (Oct 07) saying that new weapons or weapons coming back from depot overhaul don't need to be gauged. You said new and overhauled weapons were proof-fired and gauged before they were shipped.

We have found this just isn't true. Just last month we received 11 M2s back from depot and six of them failed gauging. When the M4 carbine was fielded to us, more than 100 had defective bolts.

In both instances, we filed equipment deficiency reports and the problems were fixed at no cost to us. If we had waited a year to do gauging, we couldn't have done this since EDRs must be filed in a timely manner. Plus we would be issuing defective weapons.

So I think from my experience that units should definitely gauge new and overhauled weapons as soon as they receive them.

*Editor's note: MSG (Ret) at Ft Dix wrote us that he also had encountered defective weapons coming from the manufacturer or the depot. So your experience is not isolated.*

*The TM does not require you to gauge new or overhauled weapons. But what TMs require is the **minimum** necessary to keep your weapons in top shape. Units always have the option to do more. Units will know their weapons are battle ready if they gauge them upon receipt. It's worth the trouble.*

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