

THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG.

A LOT OF THESE CHECKS SAY "NOT FOR ARMY USE".



Army Does It, Too!

Dear Half-Mast,

In the semiannual maintenance listed in the MK19's TM 9-1010-230-23&P, it says under several of the checks "Not for Army Use". Marines are required to check important components like the bolt and sear assembly, but the Army is not. This doesn't make sense, because without the checks you won't spot problems before they lead to the MK19 failing in the field. What gives?

C.G.

Dear Mr. C.G.,

You're right, that doesn't make sense. Anywhere in the semiannual maintenance where it says "Not for Army Use", cross that out. The Army should be doing those checks and services, too. This will be corrected in the next revision of the TM.

Half-Mast

Small Arms...

Security Chain NSNs?

Dear Half-Mast,

In facilities not manned 24 hours a day, armorers are required to secure small arms racks and containers weighing less than 500 pounds to the floor or walls with bolts or heavy-duty chains equipped with padlocks. Do you have NSNs for chains that meet the security requirement?

SGT T.D.

Dear Sergeant T.D.

Sure. Chains for securing racks and containers must be heavy-duty, hardened, welded, straight-link galvanized steel that's at least $\frac{5}{16}$ inch thick. NSN 4010-00-149-5583 brings 550 feet of such chain, NSN 4010-00-184-3476 brings 400 feet, and NSN 4010-00-171-4427 brings 20 feet.

Remember, you can chain racks and containers together so that they exceed the 500-lb requirement. If you use bolts to secure the racks and containers, they must be spot welded, brazed, or peened to prevent easy removal.

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