

UTMs Not Approved...Yet



The Army is working on providing more realistic training with the ultimate training munition (UTM), which is used with the close combat mission capability kit (CCMCK).

UTMs are paint-filled rounds that can be shot from the M9 and M11 pistols, the M16-series rifle, the M4/M4A1 carbine and the M249 machine gun.

The Army, however, has not approved use of CCMCKs and UTMs and doesn't expect to do so until the early fall.

Unfortunately, units have locally purchased off-the-shelf versions of CCMCKs already and have been training with them. The paint from the UTMs has ruined numerous barrels as a result.

Before firing any kind of round—live as well as blanks—you must thoroughly clean and lube your weapon like it says in the weapon's -10 TM. If your commander directs you to train with UTMs, then you must clean your weapon after firing a basic load. Make especially sure you clean out any debris in the bore from the UTM. Otherwise, you risk a ruined barrel.

Watch PS for word on when the CCMCK is released for issue. If you have questions about CCMCK and UTM, contact TACOM-Rock Island's at DSN 793-0640, (309) 782-0640, or email: [@us.army.mil](mailto:us.army.mil)