

Sling Adapter BII or AAL?

SAY, THIS NEW SLING SWIVEL ADAPTER WILL SURE STOP THE SLING HOOKS FROM CRACKING YOUR UPPER RECEIVER HOLES.

BUT IS ALL THIS NEW STUFF BII OR AAL?



Dear Half-Mast,

We read in PS 661 (Dec 07) about the new sling adapter for the M249 machine gun. Will the adapter replace the sling snap hooks as BII or are they going to be considered AAL? And if they're AAL, do units need to keep the snap hooks?

SSG R.G.

Dear SSG R.G.,

Good question. The front mounting kit, NSN 1005-01-529-8406, and one quick-release swivel, NSN 1005-01-529-9309, are now part of the standard configuration. They are repair parts, not BII or AAL. The rear mounting kit, NSN 1005-01-529-8408, and the second quick-release swivel, NSN 1005-01-529-9309, are AAL.

These parts were designed to prevent wear where the sling attaches to the receiver. Too much wear means the receiver must be coded out. If your M249, though, has the standard buttstock, you don't need the rear mounting kit, because the kit actually costs more than the \$15 buttplate. But if your M249 has the collapsible buttstock, the rear mounting kit and swivel are a good buy if you're attaching the sling to the buffer assembly because the assembly costs \$320 to replace.

Units do need to keep the snap hooks from the sling. You can use the sling as is with the snap hooks attaching it to the swivels. If you wish to get away from the old sling with the snap hooks, you can order the Bulldog Sling, NSN 1005-01-533-4093, which has carabiner attaching hardware.

If you have questions about the M249, contact TACOM-RI's
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New M68 Sight TM Available

The M68 reflex sight has a new TM. TM 9-1420-413-13&P replaces TM 9-1420-413-12&P. The -13&P includes changes for the M68 Comp M2, NSN 1240-01-411-1265, and provides new maintenance and parts info for the M68 Comp M4, NSN 1240-01-540-3690. The TM is available at the ETM site: <https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/online.cfm>

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