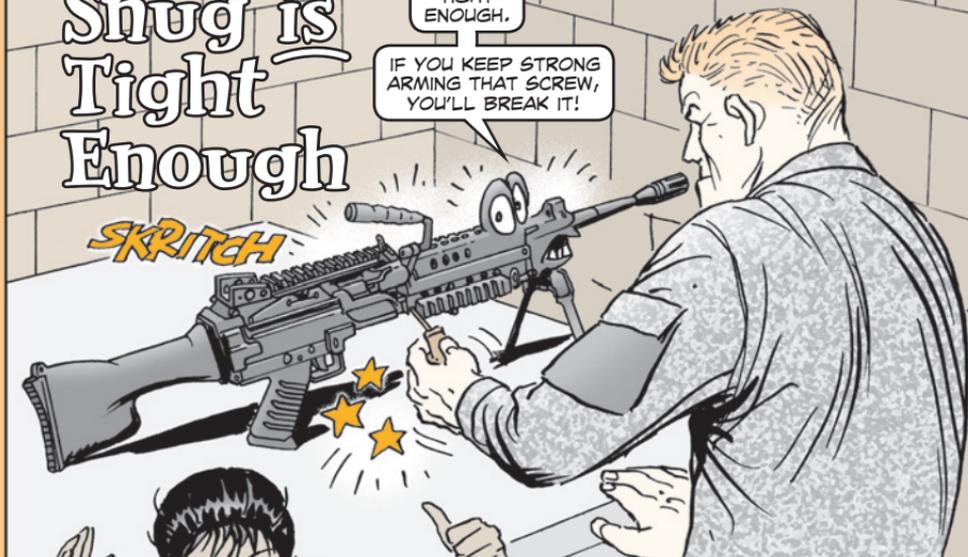


Snug is Tight Enough

HEY, THAT'S TIGHT ENOUGH.

IF YOU KEEP STRONG ARMING THAT SCREW, YOU'LL BREAK IT!

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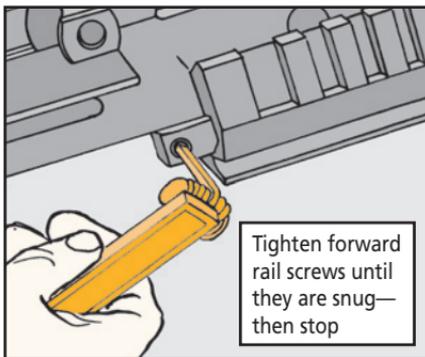
TIGHTENING AND TIGHTENING THE SCREWS FOR THE M249 MACHINE GUN'S FORWARD RAILS ISN'T NECESSARY.

The screws are self-locking, so once they're tightened snug the forward rails should be tight. If you continue to tighten the screws, you strip or break them.

If the rails aren't tight, armorers, remove the screws and the forward rails. Check the receiver holes where the forward rails' studs go. If the holes are out-of-round, the M249 needs to be turned in because you will never be able to securely mount the forward rails to the receiver.

Out-of-round holes are usually caused by your repairman mistakenly thinking the forward rails don't fit. So he enlarges the holes. That makes it impossible to keep the forward rails tight.

If the studs don't fit into the holes easily, your repairman should use a rubber mallet to tap the forward rails into place. That should do the trick. Enlarging the holes accomplishes nothing but ruining the receiver.



Tighten forward rail screws until they are snug—then stop