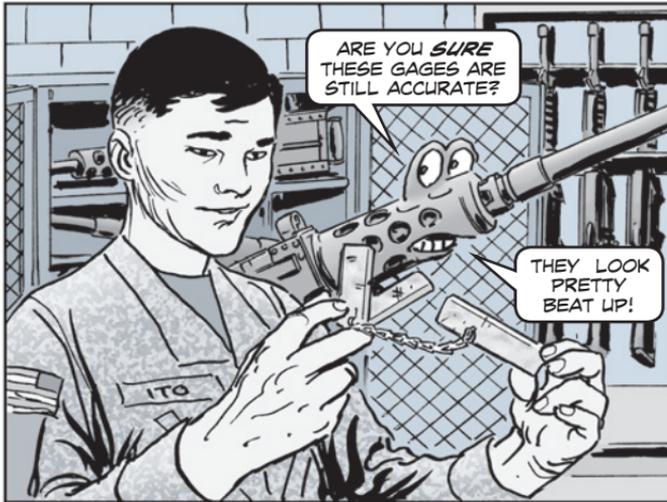


DO GAGES NEED GAGING?



Dear Half-Mast,

We've been using our headspacing and timing gages for our M2, M3, and M296 machine guns for years. After all this time, we're wondering how accurate these gages are. But we can't find anything in the TMs about how often the gages should be calibrated. What should we do?

CW2 T.W.

Dear Mr. T.W.,

TB 43-180, Calibration and Repair Requirements for the Maintenance of Army Materiel, is the word on calibration of small arms gages. It's on EM 0022, the CD that contains most of the TMDE regs.

Small arms gages must be calibrated every 360 days, regardless of whether your unit is Active, Guard, or Reserve. The calibration can be done only by one of the five TMDE labs.

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If you have any questions about small arms gages, contact TACOM-Rock Island's at DSN 793-2359/(309) 782-2359 or email:

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