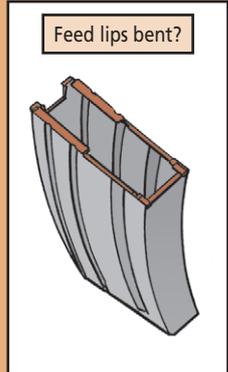
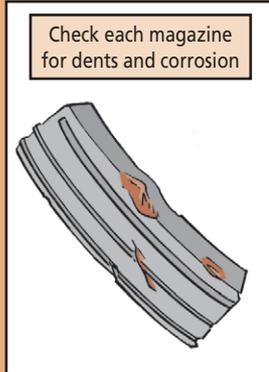


Magazine Jam? Renew PM Subscription

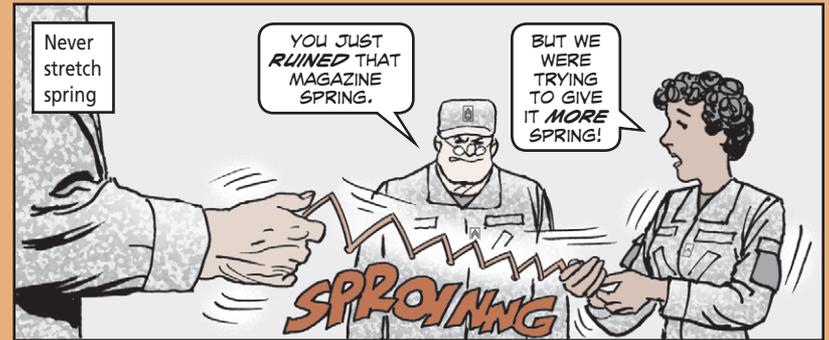
Soldiers are complaining about magazines jamming in Southwest Asia with their M16 rifles, M4/M4A1 carbines and M9 pistols. That desert's very fine sand causes some of those magazine problems, but much of that jamming results from plain ol' poor PM. You can prevent many magazine jams just by renewing your PM subscription.

Begin by checking all magazines for dents and corrosion. If a magazine has more than minor dents or corrosion, get a new one. No use taking chances.

Eyeball the magazine's feed lips. If they're bent, get a new magazine. If the magazine's spring and follower have come apart, don't try to reattach them. Get a new magazine.



Never stretch the spring to try to make it work better. That just ruins the spring.



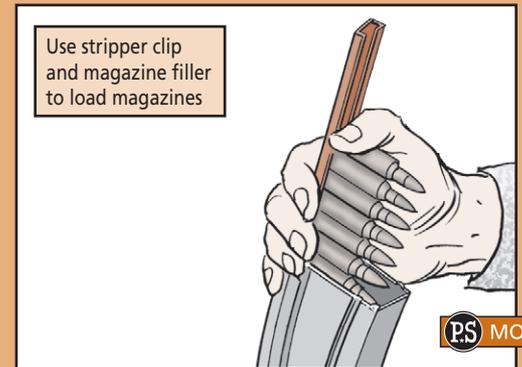
Never use a speed loader or jam the feed lips against a table edge or anything hard while loading a magazine. That bends the feed lips and ruins the magazine. Bent feed lips can cause double feeds.



Load a magazine like it shows on Page 0008 00-23 in TM 9-1005-319-10:

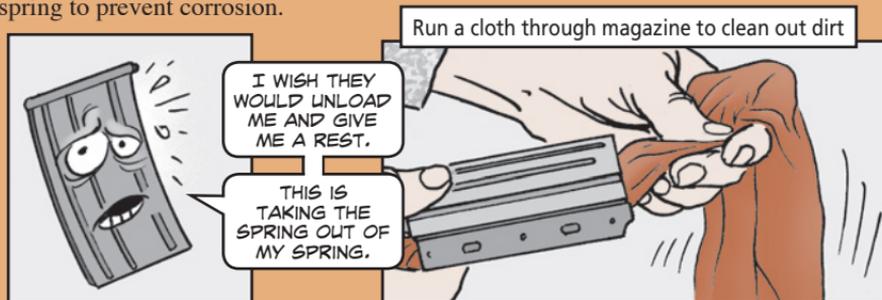
Use the 10-round stripper clip and magazine filler found in each bandoleer to load 30 rounds in the magazine.

With the magazine filler in place, push with your thumb on the rear of the top cartridge until all 10 rounds are below the feed lips. Remove the empty stripper clip while holding the magazine filler in place. Repeat until three 10-round clips are loaded.



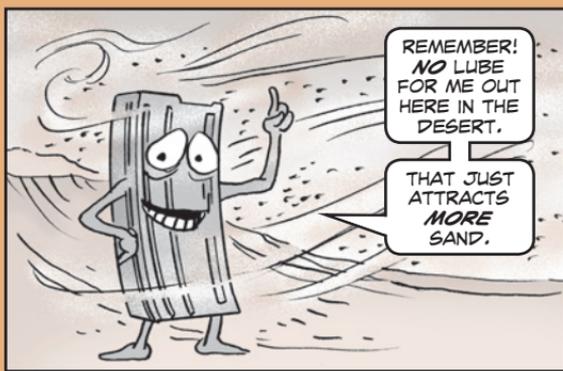
Whenever possible, don't leave magazines fully loaded all the time. Over time, that pressure could cause the magazine spring to lose its spring and then you have feeding problems.

A dirty magazine will be more likely to jam, especially if sand is coating moving parts. So when you clean your rifle, clean the magazines. It doesn't take much longer. Take each magazine apart and run a clean cloth through each tube until all dirt is gone. Wipe off dirt from the follower and spring. If you're not in the desert, lightly lube the spring to prevent corrosion.



But in the desert **don't lube** any part of the magazine. Lube will just attract sand, which leads to jamming.

In the desert especially, do everything you can to keep sand and dirt out of magazines. Keep magazines in their sealed bags as much as possible. NSN 1005-00-193-8306 brings 500 plastic magazine bags.



M9 Pistol

Most of this PM also applies to the M9 pistol magazines. Load M9 magazines by hand. Don't stretch their springs. Don't leave M9 magazines loaded all the time. Keep them clean. Don't lube them in the desert. Disassemble and clean them after every mission. Keep magazines in their sealed plastic bags or the ammo pouch, NSN 8465-01-207-5573, as much as possible. See Page 3-26 in TM 9-1005-317-10 for care of the magazine.

