



Sighting Bad Sights

Some defective M249 machine gun rear sights have gotten into the field. Because the sight elevation knobs were installed wrong, you can't zero the sights beyond 300 meters.

It's easy to tell if you have a bad sight. Check to see if the line on the elevation cam assembly matches up with the lines on the rear sight base at each of the detents. If they don't, you've got a bad sight.

You can continue to use the M249 while you're waiting for a new sight. Just be aware it won't be accurate beyond 300 meters. The bad sight is no problem, though, if you're using ACOG, M68, or M145 sights.

If you're not deployed, contact your local logistics assistance representative (LAR) to get a new sight. If you're deployed in Baghdad, contact the Small Arms Support Center at DSN 312-987-5130 (ext. 6805 or 6806), (732) 427-5130 (ext. 6805 or 6806), or email: smallarmsbaghdad@mmcs.army.mil

For Balad's Small Arms Support Center, call 312-987-5130 (ext. 6050) or email: steelez@mmcs.army.mil

For Afghanistan, call the Small Arms Support Center at DSN 312-987-5130 (ext. 6050) or email: alexanderw@mmcs.army.mil

For more info, see TACOM maintenance advisor message 08-041:

https://aeaps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/mam/tacom_wn/08/mam08-041a.html

