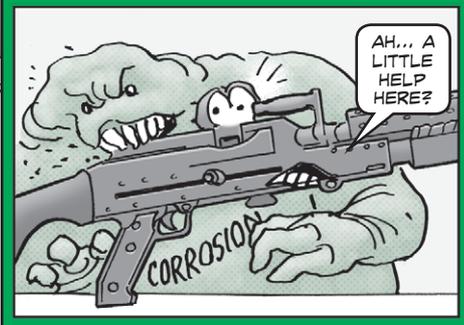




Are shiny spots on weapons something to worry about?

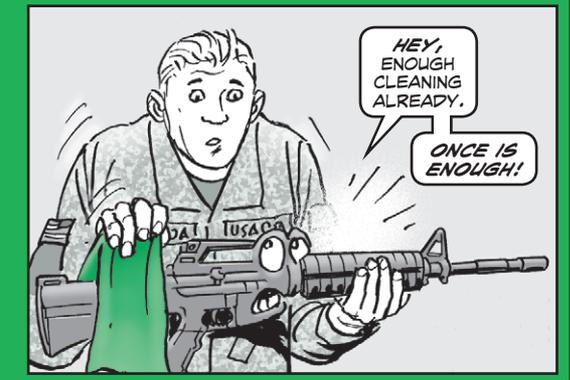


If you don't treat the spots with solid film lubricant, NSN 9150-01-360-1908, the weapon will start to corrode. If more than a third of the finish is gone, the weapon probably needs to be overhauled. Check with field maintenance.



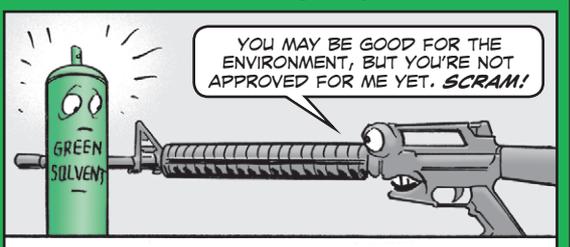
Do I need to clean weapons 3 times before they're ready for storage?

Absolutely not—and you'll hear just the opposite, guaranteed. The 3-time myth is one that won't go away. But the truth is that if you clean the weapon once like the -10 TM says then the weapon is ready for inspection and storage. It doesn't need to be cleaned or lubed again for 90 days—unless it leaves the arms room or shows signs of corrosion.

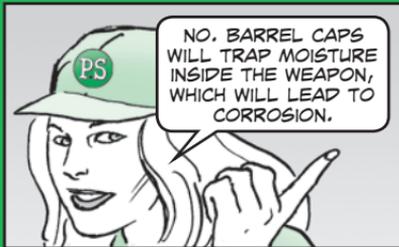


Is it OK to use these new solvents on my weapons?

Not yet. The Army has still not made a decision on whether these new solvents are OK for small arms. So in the meantime, keep using the solvent called out in the weapons' TMs. But remember when you finish cleaning with solvent to wipe the solvent completely off and lube the weapon. Solvent cleans off everything, including lube. If you store weapons without relubing them, corrosion is just around the corner.

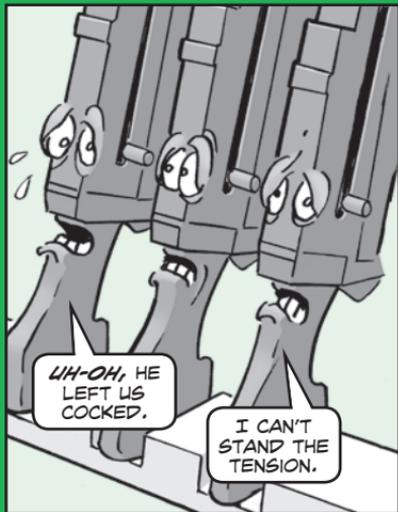


Should I store weapons with the barrel caps?



Should I store weapons cocked?

No. Store weapons with the bolts forward. If you store them cocked, the springs are left compressed and soon lose their spring. Then you get poor recoil and feeding.



How can I get along better with my field maintenance?

By doing your job before you ask them to do theirs. Support complains that armorers bring weapons to them for gaging that haven't been cleaned. They can't gage dirty weapons and so must send them back to you. Support also gets weapons with problems that include some that should have been fixed by the armorer. Support won't do its repairs until you've done yours. They also won't accept weapons that don't have maintenance requests that are properly filled out and signed. It's no use hauling weapons over to support without the correct paperwork. You'll just have to cart them back unfixed. It's more work for you in the long run.

