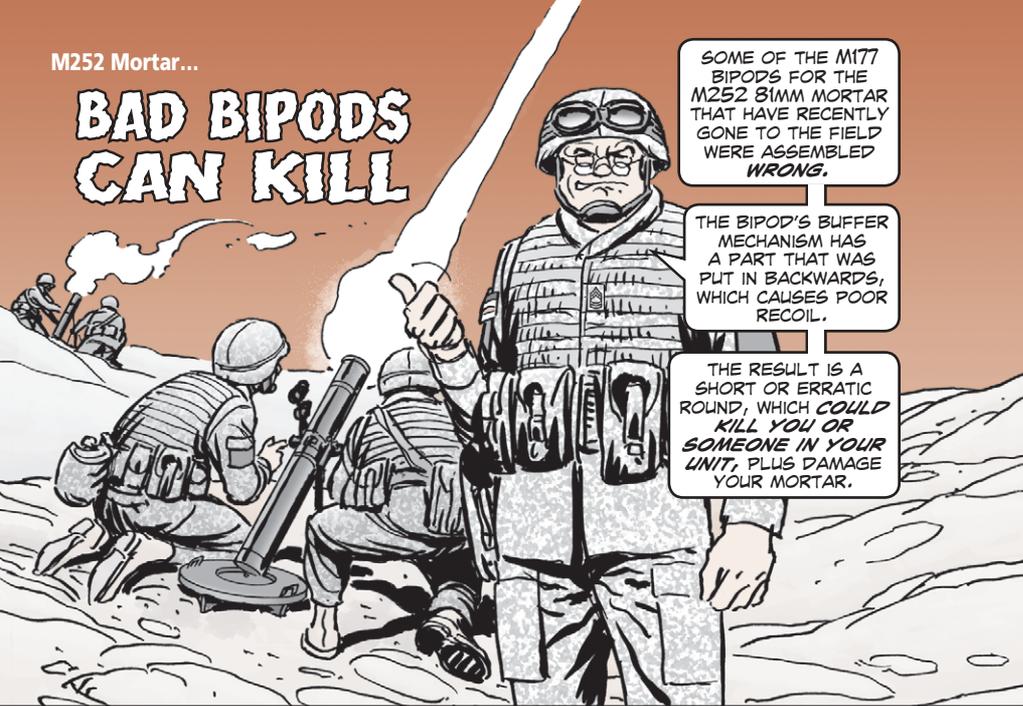


BAD BIPODS CAN KILL



SOME OF THE M177 BIPODS FOR THE M252 81MM MORTAR THAT HAVE RECENTLY GONE TO THE FIELD WERE ASSEMBLED **WRONG.**

THE BIPOD'S BUFFER MECHANISM HAS A PART THAT WAS PUT IN BACKWARDS, WHICH CAUSES POOR RECOIL.

THE RESULT IS A SHORT OR ERRATIC ROUND, WHICH **COULD KILL YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR UNIT, PLUS DAMAGE YOUR MORTAR.**

Operators should immediately check out all bipods that were received from 1 Aug 07 to present. Use the BEFORE/DURING PMCS inspections that begin on Page 2-14 in TM 9-1015-249-10. Make sure the buffers can move fully in both recoil and counter-recoil. If recoil is restricted in any way or shows signs of free play or slackness, **don't use the bipod.** It should be sent to support for repair.

Also make these changes to your -10 TM:

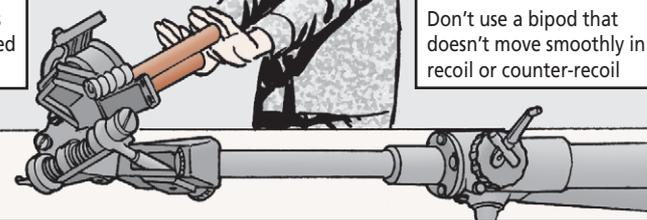
Page 2-14, paragraph c—Add to the end of paragraph c: "Buffers must allow for full movement in both recoil and counter-recoil travel without any free play/slackness." In the paragraph c EQUIPMENT NOT READY/AVAILABLE IF remarks, add the following after "inoperative": "in either recoil travel, or has free play/slackness."

Page 3-9, paragraph 4— Add the following at the end of the first sentence: "Check that buffers recoil and counter recoil without any free play or slackness."

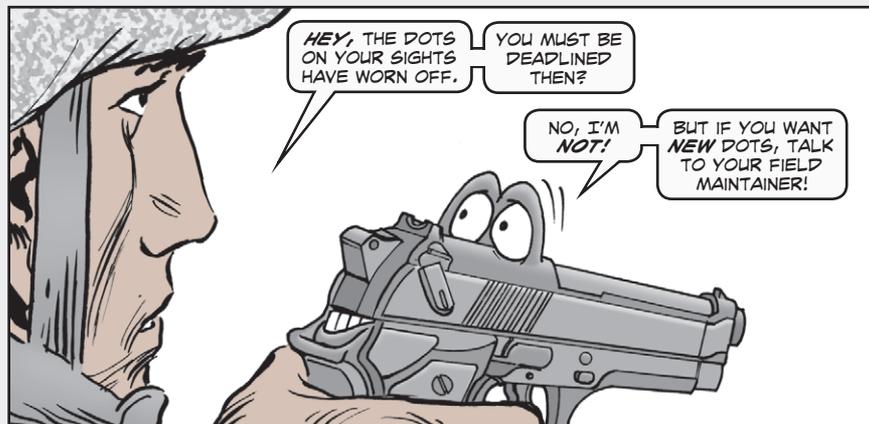
For more information, see TACOM safety of use message 09-005:

https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/soum/tacom_wn/soum09-005.html

Test bipods for restricted movement



Dot Disappeared? Don't Despair

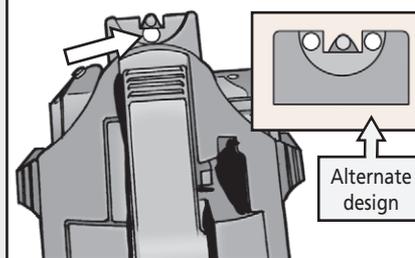


The M9 pistol comes from the manufacturer with a white dot on both the front and rear sights that helps the shooter sight on a target. The pistol also has a red dot on either side of the slide assembly that shows when the safety is disengaged. But the dots wear off over time.

No dots doesn't mean your M9 is deadlined. It's OK to keep firing your M9 without dots.

But if you think the dots help your shooting or safety, ask your field maintainer to put them back on. He should thoroughly clean both sights and then use any high quality white metal enamel paint to put dots back on the sights. Allow the paint to completely dry. Same thing goes for the red safety dots, except of course use red paint.

White dot missing? Tell field maintainer



Same thing goes for red safety dot

