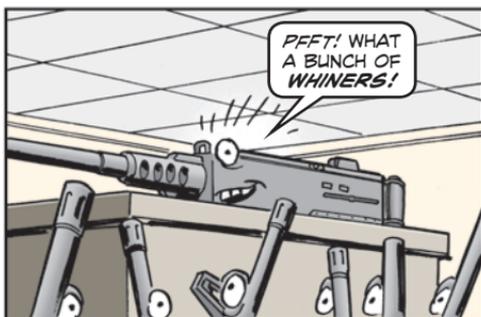


M2 Only Finish Standard Change



Dear Half-Mast,

We saw on Page 21 in PS 672 (Nov 08) that the standard on how much finish can be missing on an M2 machine gun is waived during wartime.

Is the standard also waived for the other machine guns and for the rifles?

SFC A.J.

Dear Sergeant A.J.,

No. Only the M2 can be touched up during wartime with solid film lubricant (SFL), NSN 9150-01-260-2534, no matter how much of its finish is missing. For all other small arms the standard remains the same, regardless of whether a war is being fought. Generally, the standard is that if more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of a weapon's finish is missing it must go to depot for refinishing.

Remember the procedure for touching up shiny spots with SFL: First thoroughly clean the area with dry cleaning solvent. The solvent cleans off any lubricant in the metal that will prevent the SFL from sticking. Let the weapon dry completely. Then apply the SFL to the shiny spot and let it dry for 12 hours.

Re-lube the weapon and you're done.

Half-Mast