

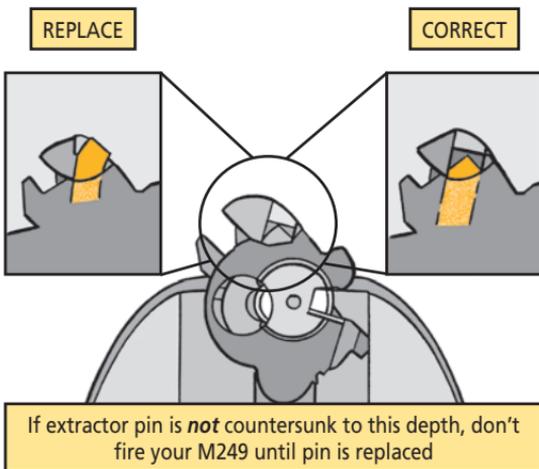
EXTRACT BAD EXTRACTOR PINS

Some bad M249 machine gun extractor pins have gotten into the Army supply system. They need to be extracted ASAP.

A bad extractor pin can break or back out of the bolt, causing the M249 to stop firing. If an extractor pin fails while the bolt is locking in place, the bolt can jam in the barrel extension, which prevents the firing pin from striking the primer. That could lead to a cook-off. If the pin fails while the bolt is unlocking, the spent cartridge won't be extracted.

Unless your M249s are new or have just come from overhaul at Anniston Depot, their extractor pins, NSN 1005-01-225-8340, should be replaced. All extractor pins in gun extractor parts kit, NSN 1005-01-383-0168, should also be replaced.

But you don't need to stop firing your M249s until the new extractor pins arrive. What you do need to do is check the extractor pin before firing, during PMCS and maintenance, and every 500-1,000 rounds. The extractor pin should be countersunk to the depth shown here:



If the pin seems to be working out, don't fire the M249 until you get the pin replaced.

For more information, see TACOM LCMC GPA 09-011:

https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/gpm/tacom_wn/gpa09-011.html