



NO ANDS OR BUTS! NO MODS!

Soldiers continue to try to improve the performance of their weapons by modifying them.

That is a big no-no! Unauthorized modifications to weapons are strictly forbidden. Para 3-1.e in AR 750-10 clearly states: "Commanders will not allow their equipment to be modified unless there is an official MWO."

Why is the Army so strict about modifications? Because they want to ensure through thorough testing that any modifications will not injure Soldiers, damage the weapons, or cause the weapons to stop firing in battle.

Here are some examples of unauthorized modifications:

Converting an M16A2 rifle to an M4 carbine. Installing an M4 buttstock on an M16A2 receiver or converting the rifle from burst to fully automatic will cause firing stoppages, malfunctions, and possible injury.

Installing an aiming laser or an ergonomic pistol grip or a silencer on an M9 pistol. None of these have been tested, so there is no way to know how they could affect the pistol. That's a risk you don't need.

Changing a basic M240 machine gun (coaxial) to an M240B (dismounted infantry). Adding and removing components can hurt the performance of the M240.

So, Warfighters, give your weapons a break and protect yourself and your unit by staying away from unauthorized weapons modifications. The only help your weapon needs is for you to follow the PM and PMCS in the -10 TM.