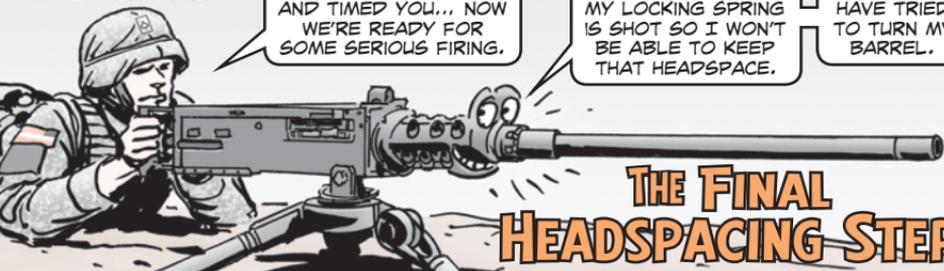


M2 Machine Gun...

I'VE HEADSPACED AND TIMED YOU... NOW WE'RE READY FOR SOME SERIOUS FIRING.

HOLD ON, SPEEDY. MY LOCKING SPRING IS SHOT SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP THAT HEADSPACE.

YOU SHOULD HAVE TRIED TO TURN MY BARREL.

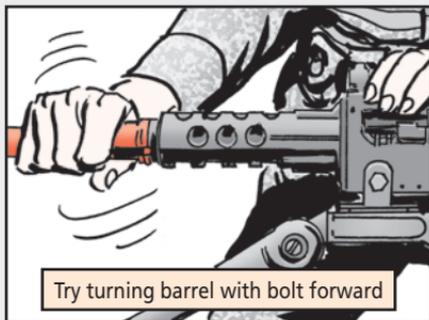


THE FINAL HEADSPACING STEP

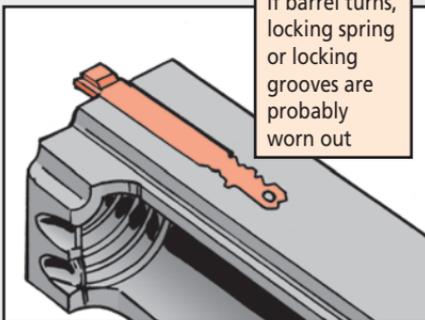
M2 gunners should know that before they fire their M2 machine guns they should always headspace and time the weapon first. If they don't, they risk ruptured rounds and damage to the barrel.

But headspacing and timing won't do much good if you have a barrel with worn locking grooves or a worn barrel locking spring. They will let the barrel turn during firing and soon you'll have bad headspace.

It's easy to check for worn locking grooves or a locking spring, though. When you've finished headspacing and timing, let the bolt go all the way forward. Try to turn the barrel. If it turns at all, either the barrel or locking spring is shot. Your armorer needs to check it out. Never fire an M2 whose barrel can be turned.



Try turning barrel with bolt forward

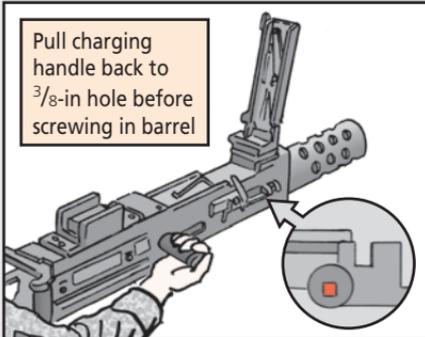


If barrel turns, locking spring or locking grooves are probably worn out



TO PREVENT BARREL WEAR, REMEMBER TO PULL THE CHARGING HANDLE BACK TO THE 3/8-IN HOLE IN THE RECEIVER BEFORE SCREWING IN THE BARREL.

IF YOU REPEATEDLY FORCE THE BARREL ON WITHOUT DOING THAT, ITS LOCKING GROOVES EVENTUALLY WILL WEAR OFF.



Pull charging handle back to 3/8-in hole before screwing in barrel