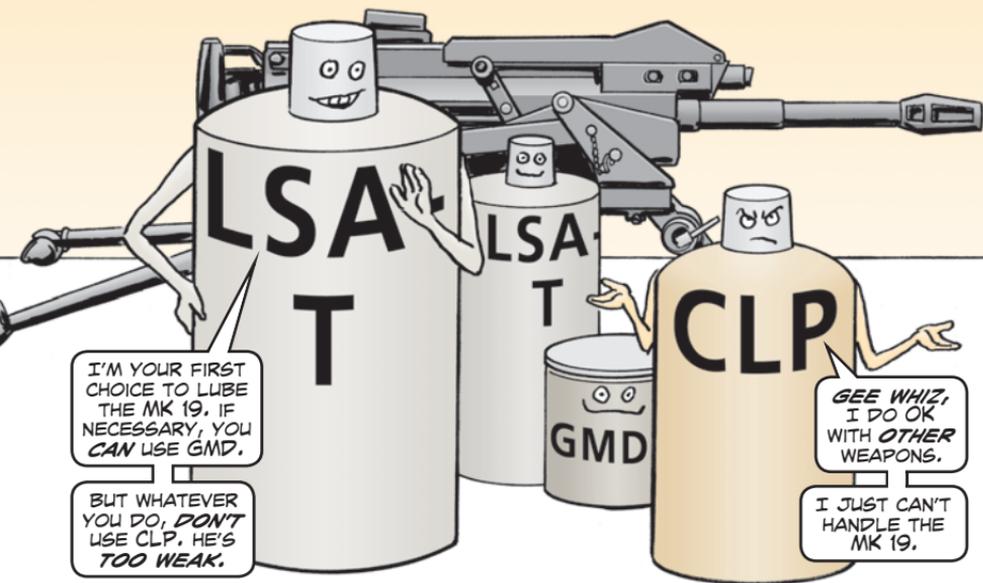


Make LSA-T First Choice



Dear Editor,

I noticed in PS 679 (Jun 09) that you said to use GMD (grease, molybdenum disulfide) to lube the MK 19 machine gun.

Actually, TM 9-1010-230-10 says to make LSA-T the first choice to lube the MK 19. Use GMD only when you can't get LSA-T. Also, GMD has one major drawback: If you get it on your uniform, you can't get it out.

LSA-T is readily available now. You can order it in an 8-oz tube, NSN 9150-00-949-0323, or 1-lb can, NSN 9150-01-109-7793.

One other point: I often see units go to the range without all the equipment needed to fire their MK 19s. That leads to all kinds of firing problems. You should always take feed throats, round removal tool, combination tool, feed slide adjustment tool, and LSA-T to the range. It's a good idea for the unit armorer to go, too. He can learn more on the range than in the arms room.

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Editor's note: Good points, Gerry. The main thing to remember is *never* use CLP on an MK 19. CLP is just not strong enough to do the job and will cause damage to your MK 19.