

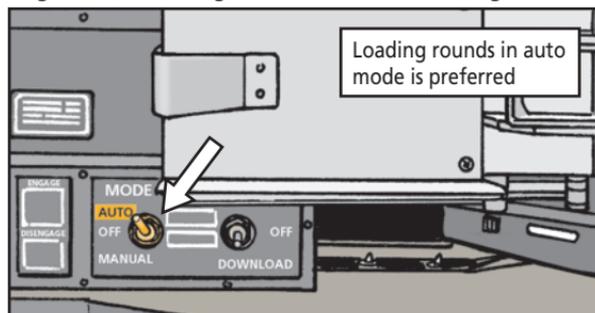
TIME FOR MOC CHECKS!

DON'T FORGET TO PUT A CATCHER UNDER MY GUN FOR THE DUMMY ROUNDS.



## Manual Loading Equals Manual Labor

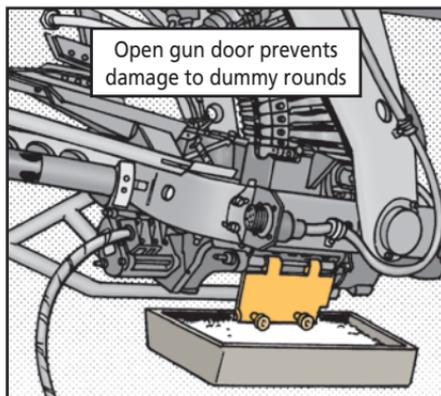
Mechanics, when loading ammo into the AH-64 sideloader, it's always a good idea to load in auto mode. Loading in manual mode overrides the built-in safety functions of the sideloader/magazine controller (SMC) and can result in a lot of damage if something is forgotten (like leaving the function switch or the gate assembly in the upload position).



Loading rounds in auto mode is preferred

If auto loading fails and you have to load in manual mode, be sure to follow the TM instructions exactly as written. Also, after the mission is complete, be sure to report the problem so the sideloader can be repaired and auto loading is operational in the future.

When performing the gun-system maintenance operational check (MOC), dummy rounds are cycled through the system and down to the gun. Instead of cycling the dummy rounds through the gun, leave the gun door open and let them fall out into a container with a foam cushion in it. This will keep your dummy rounds in good shape. Don't let them hit the hard ground or they will get dented and damaged. Since these rounds can be hard to come by, it's a good idea to keep them in good shape so they can be used for a long time.



Open gun door prevents damage to dummy rounds

Also, as a safety precaution, always stand clear of the turret and gun area during the MOC. The turret and gun can rotate quickly, and if you are standing too close the barrel flash suppressor will take you out at the knees.