

# New Yoke Fixes Bipod Problem

Dear Editor,

On the previous page, you provide a list of the parts for the new M249 machine gun bipod. In my work as a TACOM LAR, I found that every armorer in the brigade I support has had two problems with the new bipods:

- The spring pin (19) is being sheared off or is rounding the corners of the bipod yoke (14). This lets the bipod legs spin freely under the weapon, striking the soldier.
- The retaining ring (15) is coming off during normal use, allowing the entire lower bipod assembly to come off the pivot post of the yoke.

Fortunately, Rock Island has fixed the problem with a new bipod design that is welded around the yoke, which keeps the bipod legs from spinning and coming off. NSN 1005-01-557-2453 brings a welded bipod yoke that replaces the bipod yoke (14), retaining ring (15), bipod collar (16), and spring pin (19).

The new bipod yoke must be installed by field support.

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*Editor's note: Great information, Gerald! Thanks for alerting PS readers to the new bipod parts.*



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