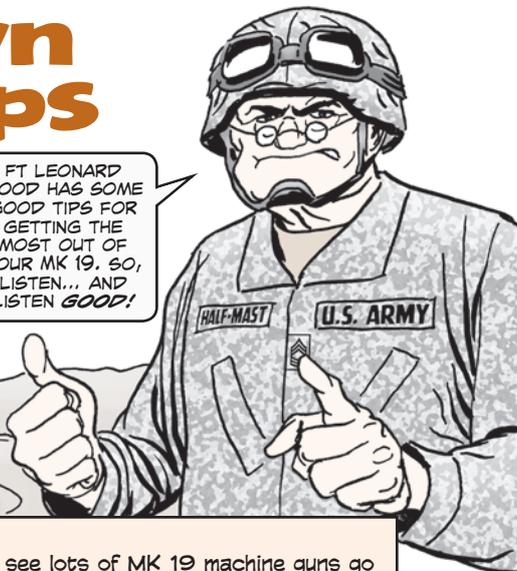


MK Down MK 19 Tips

FT LEONARD WOOD HAS SOME GOOD TIPS FOR GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MK 19. SO, LISTEN... AND LISTEN GOOD!



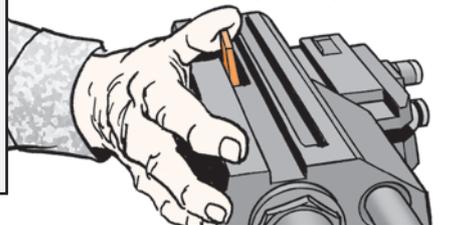
Dear Editor,

Here at the Ft Leonard Wood DOL we see lots of MK 19 machine guns go through our shop. There are certain problems that seem to constantly crop up that MK 19 gunners should watch for:

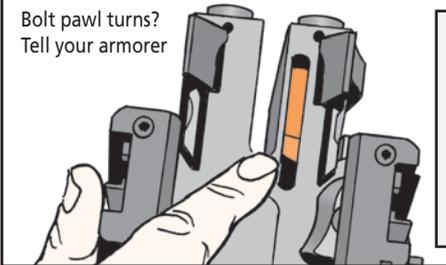
Broken cocking cams:

For some reason, the cams are breaking frequently, resulting in the bolt cocking lever flopping back and forth. If you pull the cocking lever back and there is no click, you probably have a broken cocking cam. Tell your armorer.

If lever doesn't click when you push it back, cocking cam may be broken.



Bolt pawl turns?
Tell your armorer



Loose bolt pawl: If you can move the pawl on the face of the bolt, the screw that is supposed to hold the pawl in place is loose. Tell your armorer so he can have support tighten the screw. If the screw is not tightened, it will wallow out the hole it fits in. Then it's a major repair.

Don't switch secondary drive levers: Don't switch secondary drive levers between MK 19s. Your armorer adjusted the secondary drive lever specifically for your weapon. If it's used on another weapon, the feed slide adjustment will be thrown off and your MK 19 will have feeding problems.

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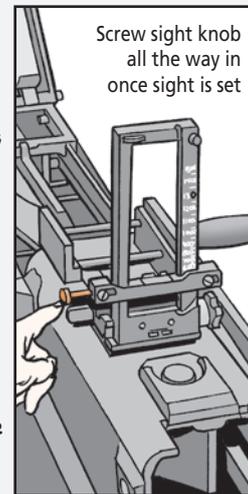


Worn charging handle slots: Some of the older MK 19s have charging handle slots that have become enlarged through use. The charging handles have too much play, which makes it more difficult to charge the weapon. Let your armorer know if your MK 19's charging handles have too much play. The MK 19 may need to go to depot for overhaul.

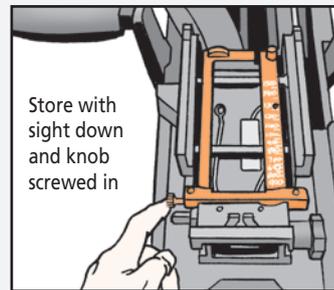
Not protecting rear sight:

The part that is broken most often on the MK 19 is the rear sight because gunners forget to adjust and protect it correctly. Loosen the sight's knob to adjust the sight. Then once you have the sight set, tighten the knob. If you don't, the knob sticks out where it can easily be snapped off.

Screw sight knob all the way in once sight is set



When you're through firing, loosen the knob, put the sight down flat and tighten the knob. If the sight's left sticking up, count on it being broken off.



Store with sight down and knob screwed in

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Editor's note: Good MK 19 tips for every operator to mark down. Thanks, Gary.

M249 Bipod NSN Correction

On Page 17 in PS 693 (Aug 10), we gave you the NSN for a new welded bipod yoke that replaces the bipod yoke, retaining ring, bipod collar and spring pin on the M249 machine gun. Unfortunately, we reversed two digits in the NSN. The correct NSN is 1005-01-557-2543.