

OLD GAS REGULATOR NEEDS INSPECTING



IF YOU *STILL* HAVE THE OLD THREE-SETTING M240 GAS REGULATORS, YOU *NEED* TO CHECK OUT THIS TIP FROM THE FORT CARSON DOL.

Dear Editor,

In PS 689 (Apr 10), you pointed out that the three-port gas regulator for the M240B and M240H machine guns is being replaced by a one-port regulator.

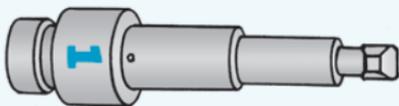
But armorers should continue to use the three-port regulator until it fails inspection or quits working.

Armorers should be reminded that as long as they have the three-port regulator they should make very sure to have it inspected annually. Gunners often switch the regulator to the 2 or 3 positions (*which is not authorized by the Army*) to increase the rate of fire. The higher rate of fire can enlarge the gas port and overwhelm the buffer assembly. Soon firing problems develop.

Support should check the gas port annually with the gas port erosion tool using the procedure in WP 0008-00 of TM 9-1005-313-23&P. If the gas port fails this check, it's a good idea to inspect the buffer assembly, too. The buffer checks are Item 3 in the PMCS of the -23&P.

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Old three-setting gas regulator should be gaged annually



Editor's note: Excellent suggestion for armorers to keep in mind, Albert. It will probably take several years for the old gas regulators to completely disappear.