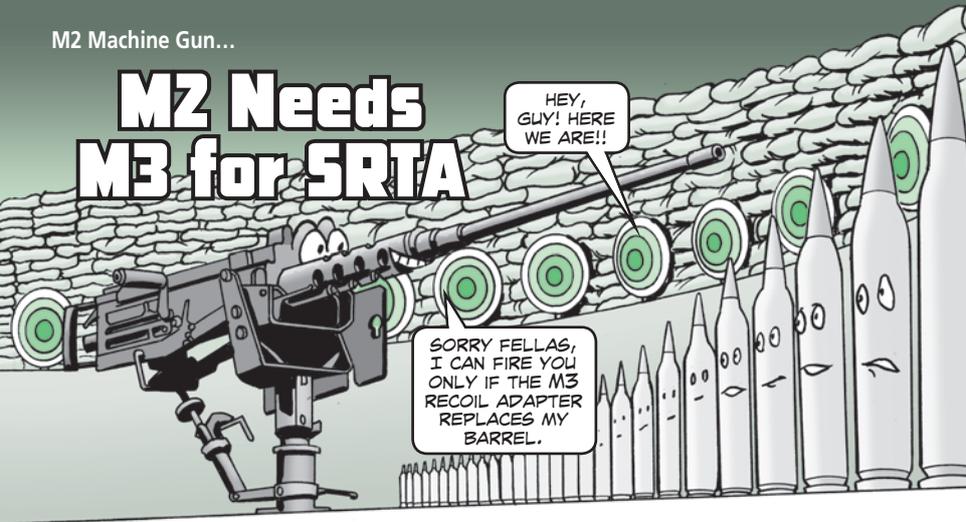


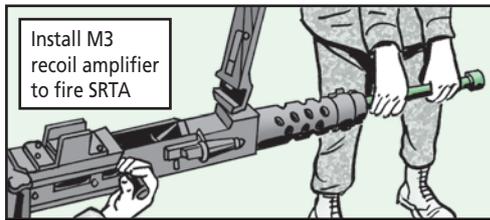
M2 Needs M3 for SRTA



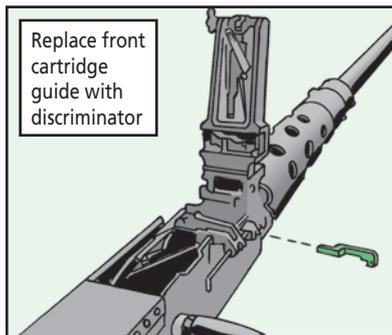
If you have limited space for training with your M2 machine gun, short range training ammunition (SRTA) is a great solution.

Normal .50-cal ammo requires a surface danger zone impact area of 6,500 meters. But .50-cal SRTA (DODICs A602 and A603) requires an impact area of only 700 meters.

But SRTA isn't great if you don't use the M3 recoil amplifier. If you don't use the M3 recoil amplifier with the M2 when firing SRTA, there's not enough back pressure to keep the M2 firing. It fires once and stops.



The M3 screws into the M2 the same way the normal barrel does. Everything you need to know about the M3 is in TM 9-1005-203-13&P (Oct 09), which is on the ETM Online site: <https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/online.cfm>. You get the M3 from your local training support center.

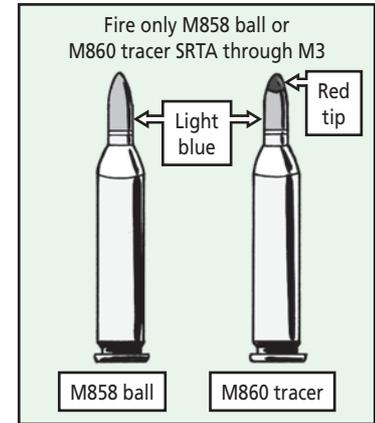


When you install the M3, make sure the discriminator is properly installed in place of the front cartridge guide. That ensures normal live ammo can't be fired.

Before firing SRTA, make sure only M858 ball or M860 tracer SRTA is in the linked belt. Don't try to fire SRTA that is dented, deformed or has a loose projectile. Firing standard ammo or damaged SRTA can injure you and damage the M2.

Remember SRTA is as lethal as standard ammo. Don't use SRTA for MILES, paintball, or force-on-force training. **SRTA is strictly for firing at inanimate targets.**

Reduced range ammo doesn't mean reduced noise, explosive hazard or potential injury or death. Wear eye and hearing protection and practice normal safety rules when firing SRTA.



M16-Series Rifle, M4/M4A1 Carbine...

ARE THERE DIFFERENT BOLTS?



Dear Half-Mast,
TM 9-1005-319-23&P lists separate bolt NSNs for the M16 rifle and M4/M4A1 carbine. Are there differences in the bolts? Are you not supposed to use the M16 bolt in the M4 or vice versa?

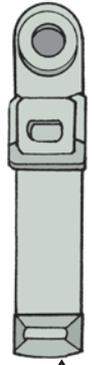
D.A.

Dear Mr. D.A.,

Originally, the M16 and M4 bolts used different extractor springs. But that's no longer true. Now both weapons use the same breech bolt assembly, NSN 1005-01-505-1035, and the same extractor spring assembly, NSN 5360-01-505-2886, which is gold-colored. If you still have bolts with the old extractor assembly, which is silver-colored, continue to use them. But when their extractors wear out, order the gold extractor.

TM 9-1005-319-23&P (May 05) lists two separate bolts, but the November 08 edition correctly lists just one.

Half-Mast



Order only gold extractor spring, NSN 5360-01-505-2886