

Small Arms...

GAGES NEED GAGING



Some field support shops are unsure if and when their gages need gaging.

The scoop on gages is in TB 43-180, *Calibration and Repair Requirements for the Maintenance of Army Materiel*. Unfortunately, the TB isn't available in printed form, but only on EM 0022, the CD which contains most of the TMDE regs. Your pubs clerk can order EM 0022 with PIN 074841-000 and IDN 344568. It's also on the LOGSA ETM site:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/welcom1.cfm>

Gage calibration history should be recorded on DA Form 3023, *Gage Record Card*. That will help you keep track of calibration.

Small arms gages can be calibrated only by one of the five Army TMDE labs. The TB lists their names and addresses. Small arms gages must be calibrated every 360 days, regardless of whether your unit is Active, Guard, or Reserves.

All Army units and activated Guard and Reserve units must have all their small arms gaged by direct support within one year of receiving them. After that, active units must have all small arms gaged yearly at a minimum, while Guard and Reserve units not on active duty must get their small arms gaged every two years at a minimum. That is the minimum required to assure safety, operation, and reliability of small arms. If you fire your weapons frequently, they should be gaged more frequently.

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