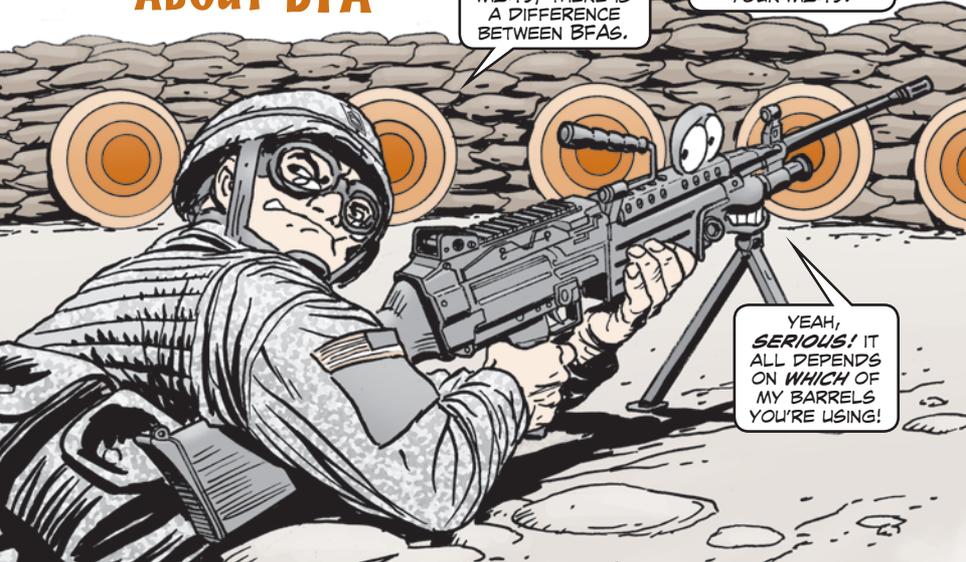


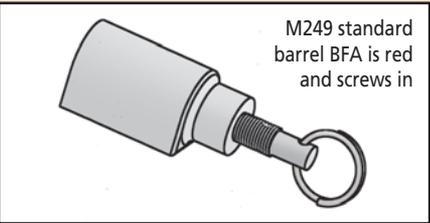
BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT BFA



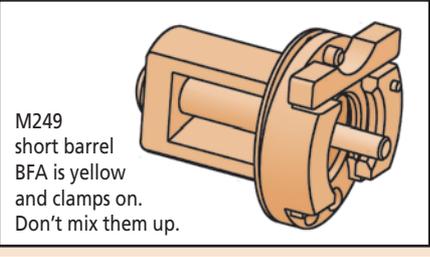
WHEN IT COMES TO FIRING BLANKS THROUGH YOUR M249, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BFAS.

IF YOU DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THE BFA, YOU PUT A SERIOUS HURT ON YOUR M249.

YEAH, **SERIOUS!** IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHICH OF MY BARRELS YOU'RE USING!



M249 standard barrel BFA is red and screws in



M249 short barrel BFA is yellow and clamps on. Don't mix them up.

Editor's note: Using the M249 standard barrel BFA with the short barrel increases the unlocking velocity of the bolt when it leaves the barrel socket. That increased velocity can damage the receiver's inner rail, which means curtains for the M249.

The BFA for the M249 standard barrel is red and screws in. It comes with NSN 1005-21-912-8997.

The BFA for the short barrel is yellow and clamps on. Order it with NSN 1005-01-537-0491.

If you've already fired blanks through the short barrel with the standard barrel BFA screwed in, have your armorer check the inner rail for cracks. See Page 2-45 in TM 9-1005-201-23&P for directions.

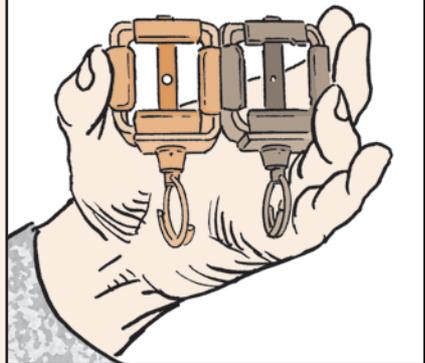
Dear Editor,

As a TACOM LAR, I encounter Soldiers who are firing blanks through the M249 machine gun's short barrel with the standard barrel blank firing attachment (BFA) installed. They don't realize this can damage their M249s. Please put the word out that gunners need to pay attention to which BFA they use.

The same goes for the M4 carbine and M16 rifle BFAs. If you interchange them, it causes firing problems. The M4's BFA, NSN 1005-01-361-8208, is yellow and the M16's BFA, NSN 1005-00-118-6192, is red.

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TACOM LAR
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M4/M4A1 BFA is yellow, M16's is red



Small Arms...

Target Paster NSN?

I THINK WE HAVE A PROBLEM ABOUT QUALIFYING YOU GUYS ON THE RANGE.

I DON'T HAVE A GOOD NSN FOR TARGET PASTERS!



ASK HALF-MAST, HE'LL KNOW!

Dear Half-Mast,

We are getting ready to go to the range for annual qualification for our weapons and I discovered that the NSN I have for target pasters isn't good. Can you help?

SGT S.S.

Dear Sergeant S.S.,

Sure can. NSN 6920-00-172-3572 brings 5,000 target pasters. The NSN can be found in TM 9-6920-210-14&P, Small Arms Targets.

Half-Mast