

# Tool IDs Bad Magazines



The last thing you need in the heat of battle is for a magazine in your M16 rifle or M4/M4A1 carbine to jam. That puts **you** in the worst possible jam.

The Army is fielding a tool that will help identify magazines that need replacing. Order the new tool with NSN 5120-01-574-0036. The tool is not a gage, so you don't need to worry about having it calibrated. But when the black oxide coating wears off the bearing surfaces of the tool, get it replaced.



- Depress the follower with your index finger.
- Grip the base of the magazine tool with your other hand.
- Slide the curved channel of the magazine tool along the bolt catch cutout area of the magazine housing.
- Apply slight pressure to slide the tool through the feed lips. If the GO portion passes through the feed lips freely and the NO GO portion does not pass through the feed lips, the magazine is good to go.

But if the GO portion won't pass through because the feed lips are crushed or bent inward or the NO GO portion does pass through because the feed lips are separated, the magazine is a no-go. **Don't** try to fix it by bending the feed lips. Get a new magazine, NSN 1005-01-561-7200, from your armorer.

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