

Single or Double Strands OK

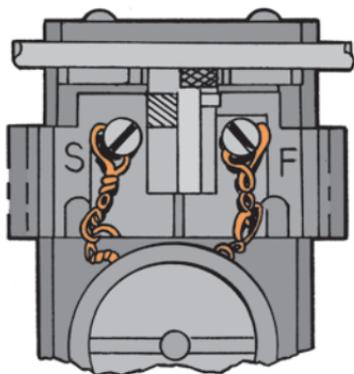
Dear Half-Mast,

We have seen new M2 machine guns, and ones that have had MWO 9-1005-213-30-1 applied, that have back plate shoulder screws safety-wired two different ways. In some cases, the screws that secure the trigger block and flat spring to the receiver are safety-wired with a single strand of wire, and in other cases with a double twist of wire. Are both methods OK? WP 0020 00-4 in TM 9-1005-213-23&P shows only the double-twist method.

SSG M.S.

Dear Staff Sergeant M.S.,

Both methods of safety-wiring the shoulder screws are fine. But it's important the screws are safety-wired. Otherwise, vibration during firing works them loose.



Single strand or double-twist safety wire OK

Half-Mast

A GOOD ANNUAL PHYSICAL

Dear Editor,

TM 9-1005-317-23&P doesn't really have an annual support-level inspection for the M9 pistol similar to that required for machine guns and the M16 rifle/M4 carbine.

Here at the Ft Carson DOL, we've created our own inspection that we do for any pistol that is being prepared for deployment or is going through Reset.

First we do the PMCS in WP 0006, then the function safety check in WP 0011, and finally the inspection spelled out in WP 0017. The last inspection is especially critical because it includes the trigger pull test.

I think it would benefit all armorers to have their support do at least these checks on their M9s annually.

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Editor's note: An excellent annual physical for M9s! Thanks for the prescription, Albert.