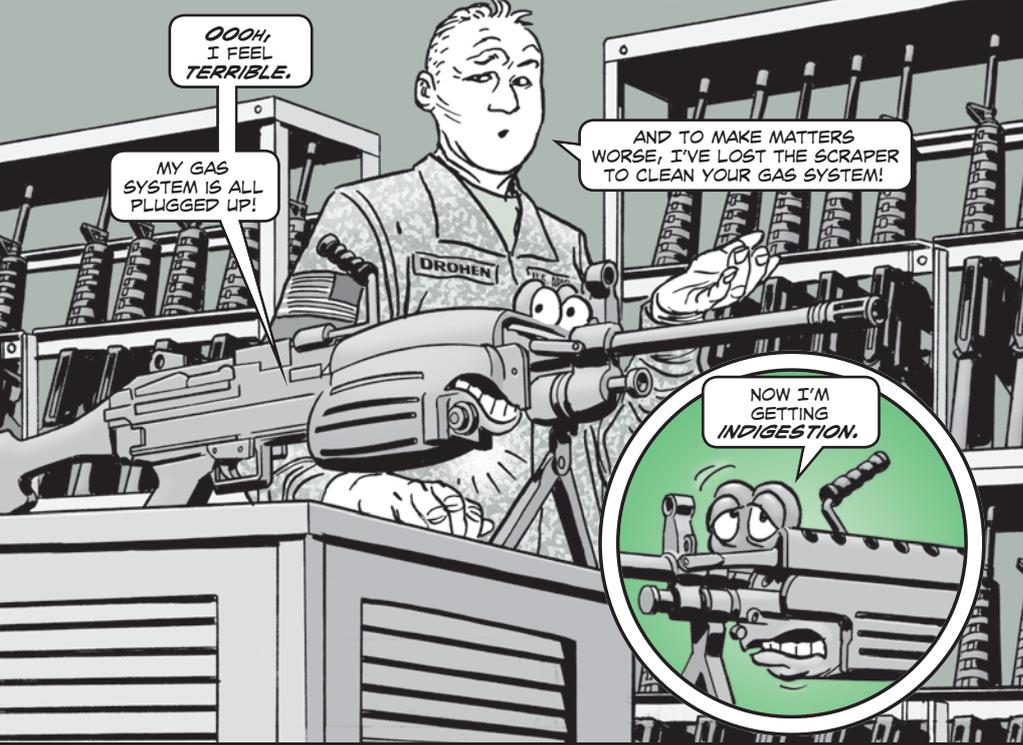


No Scraper Leaves You in a Scrape!



Dear Editor,

In my work as a TACOM logistics assistance representative at Ft Campbell, I visit many arms rooms. I often find the arms rooms don't have enough scrapers for their M240 and M249 machine guns. That will leave gunners in a real scrape.

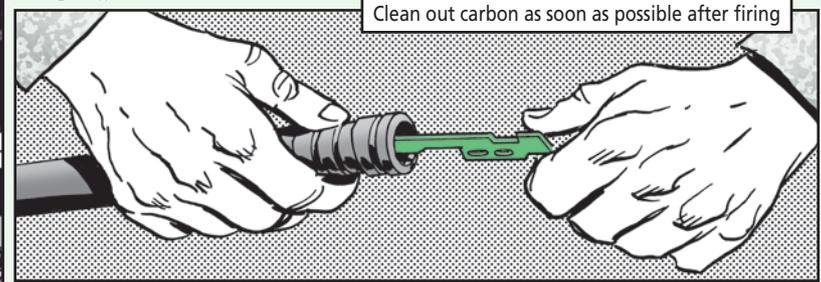
Without the scraper, you can't clean the carbon out of either machine gun's gas system. The carbon plugs the gas system and eventually the machine gun stops firing. And it won't fire again until that gas system is cleaned, which you can't do because you don't have a scraper.

So when a scraper goes missing, immediately tell your armorer. He can order the M240 scraper with NSN 4933-01-033-1504 and the M249's with NSN 1005-01-131-1914.

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Editor's note: Excellent advice, Andrew—now a few tips on using the scraper:

Use it as soon as possible after firing. The longer carbon sits, the harder it is to scrape off.



Don't use CLP in the gas system. CLP cleans off carbon, but it also collects carbon during firing. Clean the gas system with the scraper only—no CLP.

If you can't get off all the carbon with the scraper, tell your armorer. He can use dry cleaning solvent to dissolve the carbon.

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