

M16-Series Rifle,
M4/M4A1 Carbine...

HERE'S THE
CORRECT WAY
TO CHECK FOR A
LOOSE BARREL ON
YOUR M16 OR M4!



A TRUER BARREL CHECK

Dear Editor,

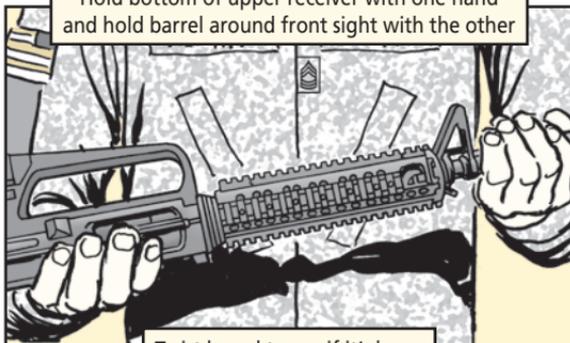
In PS 700 (Mar 11), you recommended Soldiers check the barrel on their M16 or M4 for looseness by trying to turn the barrel. If there is any movement, you should tell your maintenance personnel because a loose barrel kills accuracy.

But unfortunately you show the Soldier holding the lower receiver while twisting the barrel. There is almost always a little movement between the lower receiver and the upper receiver that the barrel is attached to. That's normal and doesn't affect the weapon.

Soldiers should separate the upper and lower receivers and hold the bottom of the upper receiver while twisting the barrel.

Grip the barrel around the front sight assembly for better leverage, but make sure if there is any movement it's the barrel and not the sight that's moving. See WP 0008-9 in TM 9-1005-319-23&P for more info.

Hold bottom of upper receiver with one hand and hold barrel around front sight with the other



Twist barrel to see if it's loose

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Editor's note: Your point hits the bullseye! Thanks, Mr. Garner.