

LATEST AUTHORIZED ITEMS

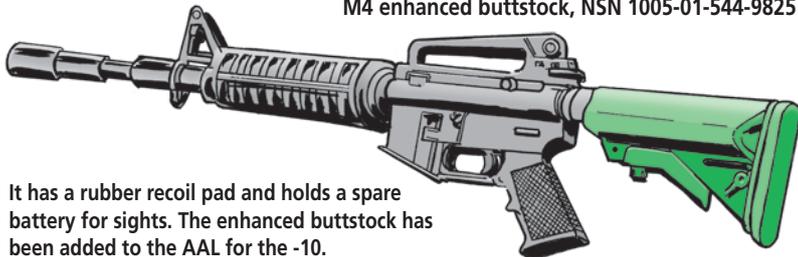
HEY, THEY'VE ADDED SOME GREAT STUFF FOR OUR AAL.



THESE SHOULD MAKE US EVEN MORE DEADLY IN THE FIELD!

Some Soldiers are unsure what is and isn't authorized for their M16-series rifles or M4/M4A1 carbines. Here are the latest additions to the additional authorization list (AAL) for TM 9-1005-319-10 and the auxiliary equipment list for the -23&P:

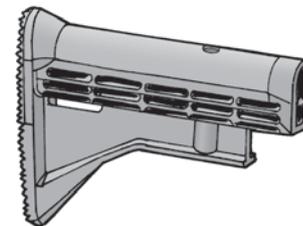
M4 enhanced buttstock, NSN 1005-01-544-9825



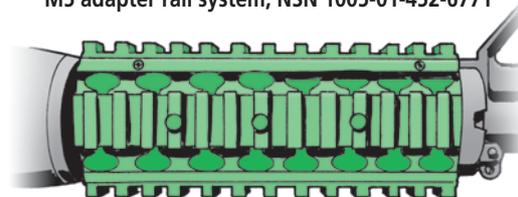
It has a rubber recoil pad and holds a spare battery for sights. The enhanced buttstock has been added to the AAL for the -10.

M16 hybrid buttstock kit, NSN 1005-01-569-6938

The hybrid buttstock reduces the length of the weapon for improved flexibility while in confined spaces or close combat. When the M16 is turned in, however, it must be returned to its original configuration with the standard buttstock. The hybrid buttstock has been added to the AAL of the -10.



M5 adapter rail system, NSN 1005-01-452-6771



The M5 can be installed on the M16A2 by replacing the handguard assembly. (The M16A3 and A4 are already equipped with the M5.) The M5 lets you mount a variety of optics and sights for better shooting. Installation instructions are in WP 0015 in the -23&P. The M5 will be added to the AAL table in the next change to the -10.

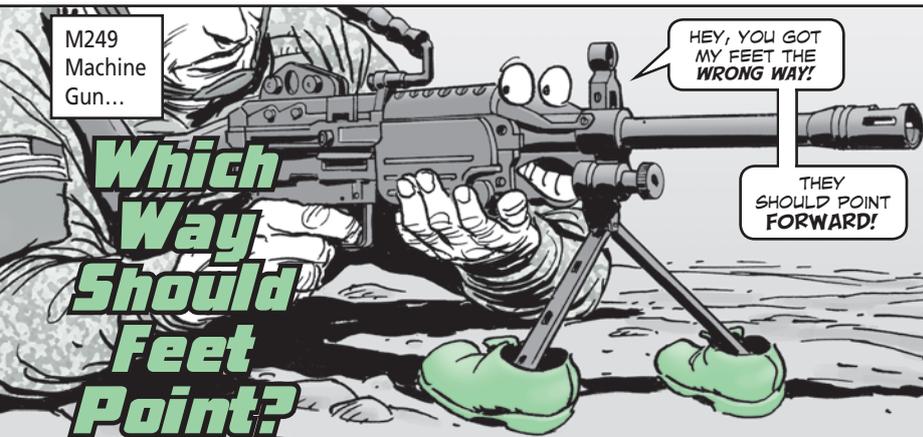
All other authorized items for the M16 and M4 are listed in the AAL in the -10 or the auxiliary equipment list in the -23&P. These are the only items you're authorized to use on your M16 or M4.

For the latest editions of the TMs, go to:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/online.cfm>

M249 Machine Gun...

Which Way Should Feet Point?



HEY, YOU GOT MY FEET THE WRONG WAY!

THEY SHOULD POINT FORWARD!

Dear Half-Mast,
Is there anything that specifically spells out which way the feet on the M249 machine gun's bipod should point? I have checked the TMs and can find nothing on this.

C.D.

Dear Mr. C.D.,

There are actually two different M249 bipods in the field. The older one that comes with PN 9348320 has a left lower leg and a right lower leg. If the legs are inserted correctly with their release pins facing out, the feet point forward. But it is possible to install the legs on the wrong side, which would point the feet in the wrong direction.

The new bipod, PN 13022645, has interchangeable legs with matching feet, so its feet can only point forward.

So, if your M249's feet don't point forward, you've got the legs reversed. You've got your M249 off on the wrong feet.

Half-Mast