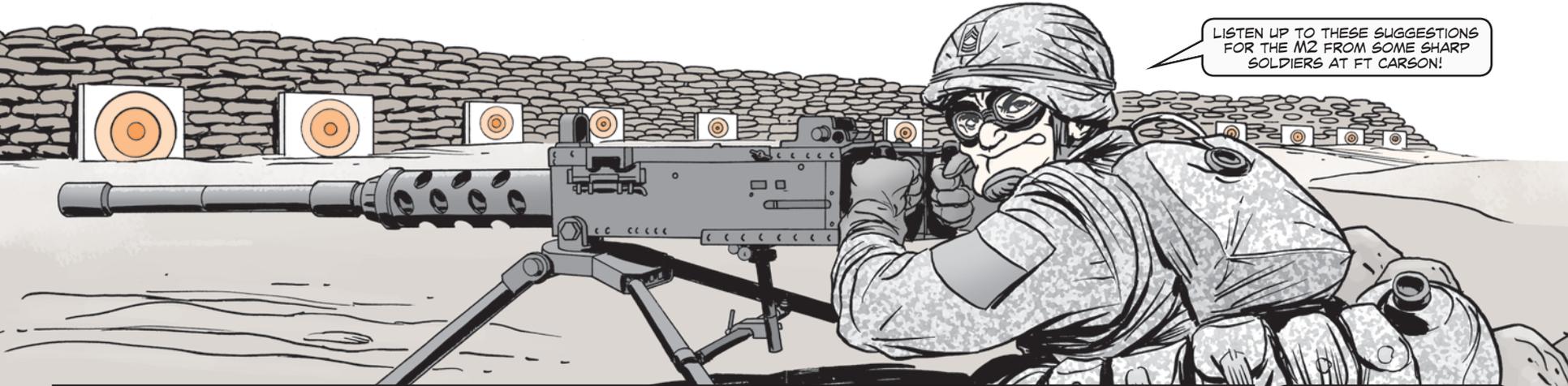


Headspace and Timing Aids



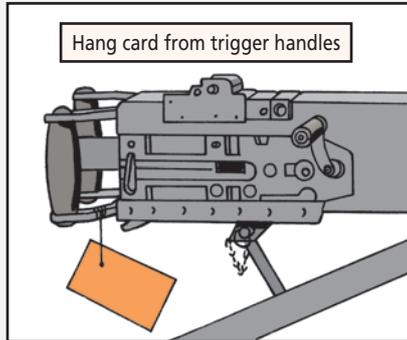
Dear Editor,

The Army has come out with a great card for M2 gunners that lists the whole headspace and timing procedures. The problem is that usually the cards make it out to the field just one time and then they disappear.

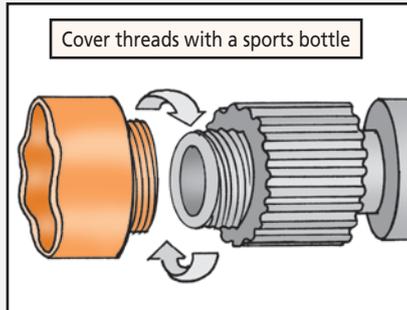
We suggest that in a non-combat situation armorers punch a hole in the cards and use a chain or 550 cord to secure them to the M2's trigger handles. That way the cards will stay with the M2s longer.

We have one other suggestion: The M2 barrel threads are constantly getting banged up. It's a good idea to cut a plastic sports bottle in half and stick one half over the barrel threads when the barrels aren't installed. That keeps burrs from developing on the threads. Burrs make it difficult—if not impossible—to screw in the barrel. Of course, it's important not to toss barrels around or leave them rolling around in the back of a truck, which happens too often.

Hang card from trigger handles



Cover threads with a sports bottle



Finally, we know all M2s are supposed to have a warning sticker now concerning headspace and timing. But how do you get the stickers?



Sticker comes with
NSN 9905-01-573-6847

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Editor's note: First, let's take care of your question. Order the warning stickers with NSN 9905-01-573-6847. That brings 25 stickers.

Those smart cards with the whole headspace and timing procedure can be ordered by your pubs clerk with GTA 09-06-045.

Using a sports bottle as temporary protection for the barrel threads is fine, but the best fix is to get SoftCaplugs, NSN 5340-01-552-0082. They are specifically designed to protect barrel threads.

Thanks for the great suggestions. Good headspacing on your part!