

DON'T SUFFER BAD BUFFERS!



Defective buffers for the M240B/M240L machine guns have gotten out in the field. The buffers, NSN 1005-01-461-0326, have bad hydraulic fluid fill plug screws that can loosen during firing. The buffer's hydraulic fluid then leaks out, which means the buffer can't do its job. That can lead to a ruined receiver.

The 9,000 M240B/M240Ls possibly affected are listed by serial number in

https://tulsa.tacom.army.mil/SAFETY/mam/tacom_wn/M240BBufferRecallSNs.xls

Armorer, if you have any M240B/M240Ls on the list have your small arms maintenance shop check for the bad buffers, which are stamped with an ID code date of January 2010 to June 2011.

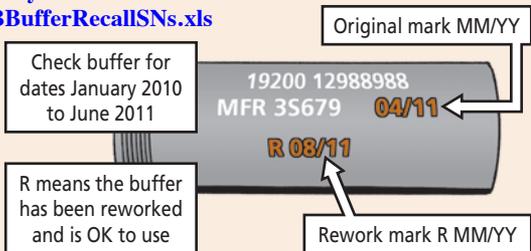
They should disassemble the buttstock assembly and check if its buffer is within the date range. If the buffer has no date stamped on it or the date isn't January 2010 to June 2011, the buffer is good to go as long as it doesn't show signs of leakage. If the buffer is within those dates but has R stamped on it, it has been reworked and is also OK to use.

But if the buffer is in the date range and has no R, it must be replaced. Deployed units can have the buffer replaced at the nearest small arms repair facility.

Non-deployed units must submit a PQDR to get a new buffer. If the buffer has a CAGE code of IHFX2 (Kaepfer Machine), the PQDR must be submitted to DLA online:

<https://www.pdrep.csd.disa.mil>

The CAGE code is stamped on the buffer.



The DLA POC is Greg Lupton, who can be reached at (614) 692-4615, DSN 850-4615, email:

gregory.upton@dla.mil

For buffers with a CAGE code other than IHFX2, the PQDR must be submitted to TACOM. The TACOM POC is Daryl Meyer, DSN 786-1249, (586) 282-1249, email:

daryl.p.meyer.civ@mail.mil

For the QDR number and info, go to:

https://tulsa.tacom.army.mil/SAFETY/mam/tacom_wn/BufferRecallQDR-M240BL.pdf

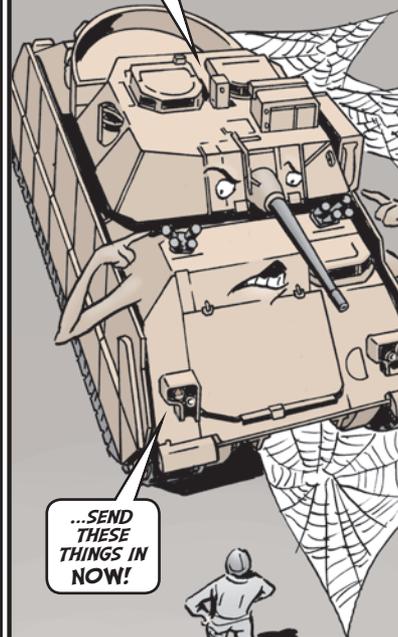
For more information, see TACOM LCMC MA 12-013:

<https://tulsa.tacom.army.mil/SAFETY/message.cfm?id=MA12-013.html>

Combat Vehicles...

HEY GUY, THE RESET/REPAIR PROGRAM HAS NO SMOKE GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND THEY NEED TO WORK ON THEM.

SO SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE A WHILE AND I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE ANYTIME SOON...



Turn in Smoke Grenade Launchers NOW!

The Reset/repair program for smoke grenade launchers has halted because they have run out of launchers. Any of the following launchers that are not being used or are not working should be turned in immediately:

- M239, NSN 1055-01-015-0874, LIN L44612
- M243, NSN 1055-01-059-0560, LIN L67021
- M250, NSN 1055-00-000-0138, LIN L44680
- M257, NSN 1055-01-070-1213, LIN L44031
- M259, NSN 1055-01-107-7501, LIN L44748

Smoke grenade launchers in condition codes F or H should be sent to:

RIC: AD1
DODAAC: W41CE8
XU W0K4 USA OSC Pine Bluff Arsenal
Army Non-ammo Field Service Account 53990
507th Str
Pine Bluff AR 71602-9500

For launchers in all other condition codes, contact Ramon Perez for mailing instructions at DSN 786-1553, (586) 282-1553, or email:

ramon.j.perez.civ@mail.mil

Units should send the launchers via military shipping at their own cost. No credit will be given to the units for the launchers.