

# WHERE TO FIND BREECH BLOCK SERIAL NUMBER

HOW DO YOU TELL WHICH BREECH BLOCK SERIAL NUMBER IS THE RIGHT ONE? THERE'S MORE THAN ONE NUMBER!



THAT'S EASY! IT'S THE ONE ON THE TOP EDGE OF THE BLOCK!

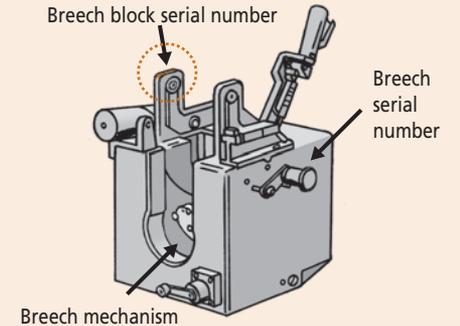


Dear Editor,

Your article on Page 10 in PS 708 (Nov 11) on the importance of making sure the M119A2's breech and breech block serial numbers match may confuse some howitzer units.

The picture of where to look for the serial number on the breech has an arrow pointing to the side of the breech. The number is actually on the flat surface on top of the breech block lug, near where the hinge pin is located. The main reason I point this out is that I have seen breeches that have other numbers engraved on them besides the serial number. We don't want confusion about which is the serial number and where it is.

Breech block serial number is on top edge of block

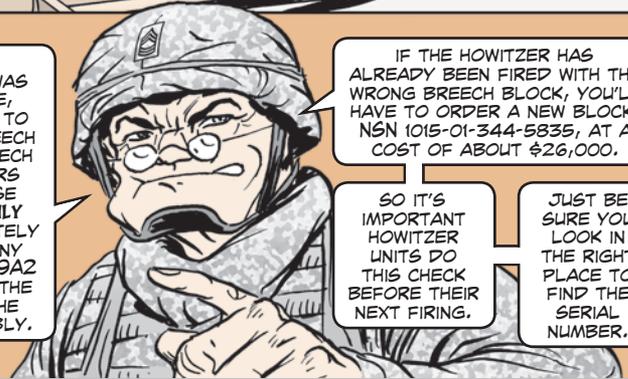


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YES, WE DEFINITELY DON'T WANT ANY CONFUSION ABOUT WHERE TO FIND THE SERIAL NUMBER.

TO BRIEFLY REPEAT WHAT WAS IN THE ARTICLE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THE BREECH BLOCK AND BREECH SERIAL NUMBERS MATCH BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO ACCURATELY TRACK HOW MANY ROUNDS THE M119A2 HAS FIRED AND THE LIFE LEFT IN THE CANNON ASSEMBLY.



IF THE HOWITZER HAS ALREADY BEEN FIRED WITH THE WRONG BREECH BLOCK, YOU'LL HAVE TO ORDER A NEW BLOCK, NSN 1015-01-344-5835, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$26,000.

SO IT'S IMPORTANT HOWITZER UNITS DO THIS CHECK BEFORE THEIR NEXT FIRING.

JUST BE SURE YOU LOOK IN THE RIGHT PLACE TO FIND THE SERIAL NUMBER.

## Linseed Oil Preserves Decking

Constant exposure to the elements causes the wood decking on semitrailers to dry, crack and splinter. Prevent that damage by spreading boiled linseed oil on the decking as needed. NSN 8010-00-152-3245 gets a gallon of oil and NSN 8010-00-684-8789 gets five gallons. Use NSN 8010-00-242-6114 to get a 55-gal drum.

## Trailer Tire NSN

To get a tire for the M103- and M116-series ¾-ton trailers, use NSN 2610-01-063-7947. This tire is also used on the M105A2, M149A2 and M200A1 trailers. Keep this NSN handy until it's added to the updated technical manuals for these trailers.