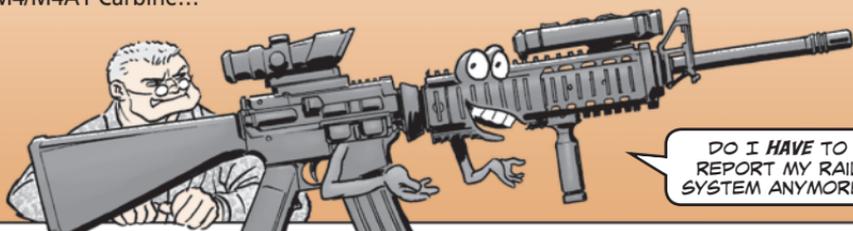


M16-Series Rifle,
M4/M4A1 Carbine...

ARE RAIL SYSTEMS REPORTABLE?



DO I HAVE TO
REPORT MY RAIL
SYSTEM ANYMORE?

Dear Half-Mast,

I am seeing some units report the M4 and M5 adapter rail systems for the M16 and M4/M4A1 as stand-alone LINS, others as components of a LIN, and some are not reporting the rail systems at all on the property books. What is the correct way to report the rail systems?

SGT P.M.

Dear Sergeant P.M.,

The M4 and M5 rail systems should no longer be reported on the property book. Their LINs have been deleted and their supply class has been downgraded to Class IX.

Half-Mast

M2/M3-Series
Bradley...

NO Etching on M242 Bolt



HOLD ON THERE,
PARDNER! YOU DON'T
ETCH NUMBERS ON
MY M242.

THAT RUINS ITS
PROTECTIVE COATING!

Dear Half-Mast,
We are seeing units etching the ID number on the track and bolt assembly for the M242 automatic gun. Should they be doing this?

SFC G.B.

Dear Sergeant G.B.,

No, don't etch on any part of the M242. That can ruin the weapon's protective coating, which leads to corrosion.

The best way to ID the track and bolt assembly is to store it in an empty ammunition can and write the M242's serial number on the outside of the can. If the track and bolt assembly has already been etched, use a paint marker to blot out the etched numbers. Treat the area with SFL to prevent corrosion.

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