

# Why No Tripod Serial Number?



THAT'S FUNNY. YOU DON'T HAVE A SERIAL NUMBER.

HOW WILL WE KEEP TRACK OF YOU?



PS SAYS MAKE UP A SERIAL NUMBER FOR ME AND STENCIL IT ON!

Dear Half-Mast,

In the past, the M3 tripod had a serial number stamped on it by the manufacturer. But the new M3s come without a number, which makes it difficult for property book officers and supply sergeants to keep track of them. What is the solution?

SGT C.H.

Dear Sergeant C.H.,

The Army now has a rule that they don't put a serial number on any item that costs less than \$5,000. The M3 falls into that category.

The easiest solution for tracking the M3 is to create a serial number for each tripod. But don't stamp the number on it. That causes problems when you turn in the tripod because it's considered a modification. Instead, stencil the number on.

One other option is to have your property book officer create an exception code for the mount in PBUSE.

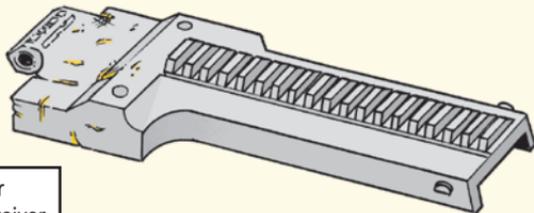
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## HANG ON TO FEED TRAY COVER

**P**owerful aircraft rotor wash is pushing the M240H machine gun's feed tray cover to the cracking point. Once the cover is cracked, it must be replaced.

There's an easy way to protect the cover from cracks: If you're loading, unloading, or clearing the M240H while the rotor is turning, you must maintain control of the cover so it can't be pushed to the cracking point by rotor wash.

Make sure your M240H's cover hasn't already cracked. Look for cracks on the cover near its pivot point with the receiver. If you find any, tell your armorer.



Look for cracks near pivot point with receiver