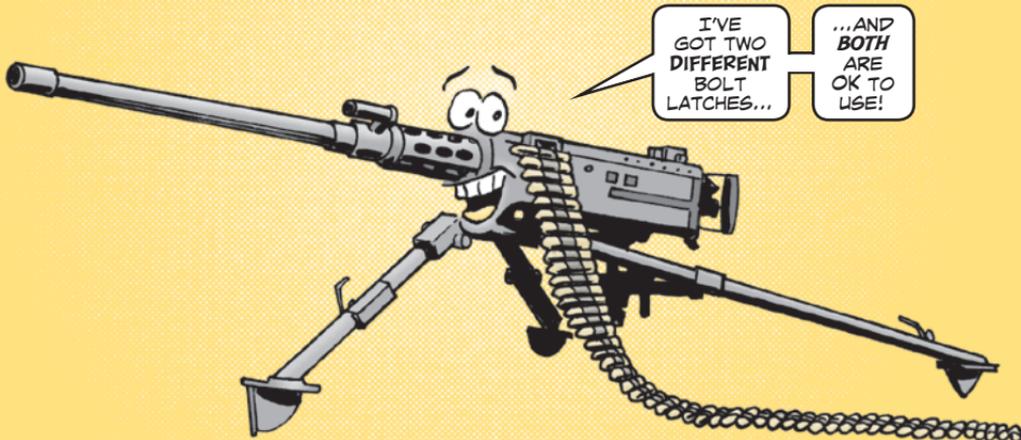


Old Bolt Latch OK to Use



Dear Editor,

On Page 41 in PS 720 (Nov 12), you pointed out that the M2/M2A1 machine gun bolt latch with the fixed clearance hasn't been manufactured for 20 years. When units order the bolt latch, NSN 1005-00-550-4060, they should receive one which has an adjustable clearance.

This is all correct.

But it turns out there are still some of the old bolt latches in the field and on new weapons coming from Anniston Army Depot. We have had several questions about if it's OK to continue to use the old bolt latch. It is. Use it until it wears out and then replace it with the adjustable bolt latch.

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Editor's note:

We're glad to clarify this.

PATS Video Online

CBRN specialists used to get a DVD with their new M41 protection assessment test system (PATS) that explained how to use PATS. Unfortunately, the DVD often disappeared. The good news is you can now view the video online:

<https://multimedia.apgea.army.mil>

You must access it with your CAC. Microsoft Silverlite® is required for viewing the video, and has to be installed by an administrator.