

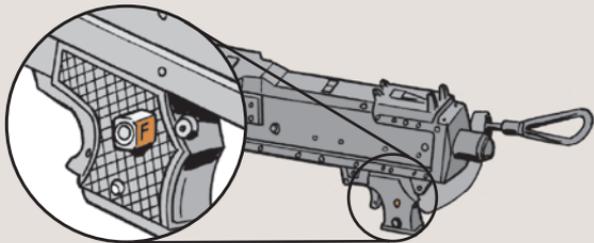
## Round Stuck? Let M240 Cool Off First

If you've fired your M240 machine gun long enough for it to get hot and you get a stuck round, **DON'T OPEN THE FEED TRAY COVER**. If you don't wait for your M240 to cool off first, the round could explode in your face when you pop the cover.

What you should do is let your M240 cool down. Set the safety to S, keep the weapon pointed downrange, and stay away from it for 15 minutes. Then you can do the clearing procedure in WP 0010 00 in TM 9-1005-313-10.

But remember, the safety needs to be set to F before you charge your M240. Otherwise, you jam it. Set the safety to F, lock the bolt completely to the rear, and release the charging cable (or return the cocking handle) to the fully forward and locked position. Now that you've charged your M240, you can put the safety on S.

Place safety in F before charging or you'll jam it



Then raise the feed tray cover and look for a round. If there is a stuck round in the chamber, follow the procedure in WP 0016 00. If it's a ruptured cartridge, go by WP 0017 00.

Once you've got the round out, lower the feed tray cover, put the safety on F and you and your M240 are back in business.