



WHEN DOING SLINGLOADING OPERATIONS, MAKE SURE THE RIGGERS AND THOSE DOING THE FINAL RIGGING INSPECTION AREN'T THE SAME PEOPLE!

Sling Loading Operations CLARIFIED

On Page 41 of PS 731 (Oct 13), we said that FM 4-20.198, *Multiservice Helicopter Sling Load: Single-Point Load Rigging Procedures* and FM 4-20.199, *Multiservice Helicopter Sling Load Dual-Point Load Rigging Procedures*, hadn't been converted to TMs. That's no longer true.

The FMs are now TM 4-48.10, *Multiservice Helicopter Sling Load: Single-Point Load Rigging Procedures*, and TM 4-48.11, *Multiservice Helicopter Sling Load Dual-Point Load Rigging Procedures*. You can find them on the APD website:

http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/Active_TM.html

The article also stated that all loads must be rigged by an air assault-qualified person. That needs a little more clarification.

Rigging can be done by anyone the unit authorizes to rig the load. The final inspection must be done by someone who is air assault- or pathfinder-qualified or who is qualified through the sling load inspector certification course (SLICC). That person should **not** be involved in the original rigging.

Doing sling loading operations right means doing it by the book, not by the seat of your pants.