

M2A1 Barrels Are INTERCHANGEABLE!

HEY, THIS
SAYS I CAN
USE ANY M2A1
BARREL.
THAT'S GOOD
TO KNOW!



Dear Editor,

In the article on Page 39 of *PS* 746 (Jan 15) on the importance of changing machine gun barrels during firing, you said the M2A1 barrels must be specifically gaged to that weapon.

That's not true. TM 9-1005-347-10 says, "All M2A1 barrels are interchangeable without affecting the headspace or timing of the weapon."

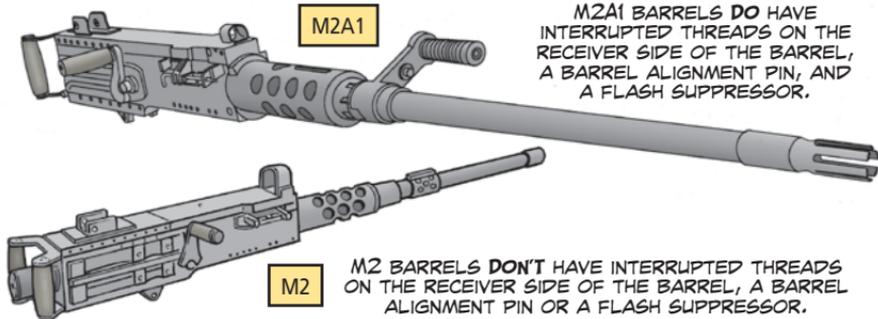
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YOU'RE RIGHT!
ONCE THE 91F
GAGES THE
M2A1, ANY M2A1
BARREL CAN BE
USED WITH IT.

BUT REMEMBER
YOU CAN'T USE
AN M2 BARREL
WITH AN M2A1
RECEIVER AND
VICE VERSA.

**SO, HOW DO
YOU TELL THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
BARRELS?**



M2A1 BARRELS DO HAVE INTERRUPTED THREADS ON THE RECEIVER SIDE OF THE BARREL, A BARREL ALIGNMENT PIN, AND A FLASH SUPPRESSOR.

M2 BARRELS DON'T HAVE INTERRUPTED THREADS ON THE RECEIVER SIDE OF THE BARREL, A BARREL ALIGNMENT PIN OR A FLASH SUPPRESSOR.