

Install Flash Suppressor for FIRING ONLY



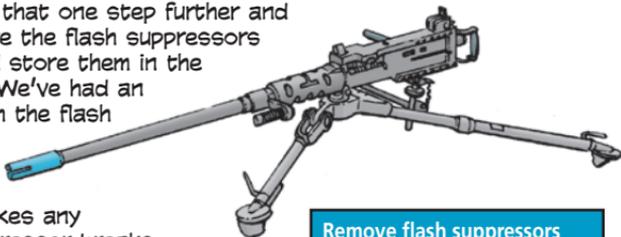
Dear Editor,

We saw on Page 42 of PS 741 (Aug 14) the suggestion that units remove the flash suppressor for the M2A1 machine gun's spare barrel so the barrel will fit in its cover.

We'd like to take that one step further and suggest units remove the flash suppressors for both barrels and store them in the spare barrel cover. We've had an ongoing problem with the flash suppressors being broken during transport. If that end of the barrel takes any kind of hit, the suppressor breaks and it costs roughly \$80 to replace it. Once you're ready to fire, the suppressor can be installed in 3 minutes.

With the suppressor off, protect the barrel threads with either the protective cap, NSN 5340-01-552-0082, or a piece of PVC pipe cut to fit.

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Remove flash suppressors
for both barrels and store in
spare barrel bag

Editor's note: We can't suppress a good idea like that. Thanks to both of you.