

Small Arms Weapons Clearing Procedures

NOTE: Point weapon into clearing barrel for all steps.

M9 Pistol

1. Place the safety lever in SAFE position.
2. Depress the magazine release button; remove the magazine from the pistol.
3. With the pistol pointing into the clearing barrel, pull the slide to the rear; remove any chambered round.
4. Push the slide to the rear; remove any chambered round.
5. Push the slide stop up, locking the slide to the rear.
6. Look into the chamber to ensure that it is empty.

M16 Rifle & M4 Carbine

1. Remove the magazine from the rifle.
2. Cock the rifle.
3. Turn the selector to SAFE. The selector cannot be turned SAFE unless the rifle is cocked.
4. Lock the bolt open. Pull charging handle rearward. Press bottom of the bolt catch. Allow bolt to move forward until it engages the bolt catch. Return charging handle to forward position. Ensure the selector is on SAFE.
5. Inspect the receiver and chamber to ensure they do not contain ammunition.
6. Allow the bolt to go forward by pressing upper portion of bolt catch.

M249 SAW

1. Move the safety to the fire position.
2. With your right hand, palm up, pull the cocking handle to the rear and lock the bolt to the rear.
3. Hold the cocking handle to the rear and move the safety to the safe position. Push the cocking handle forward to the locked position. Place weapon on safe.
4. Push the cocking handle forward to its locked position (you should hear a click).
5. Raise the cover and feed mechanism assembly. To check for brass, links, or ammunition-
 - a. Check the feed pawl assembly under the feed cover.
 - b. Check the feed tray assembly.
 - c. Lift the feed tray assembly and inspect the chamber.
 - d. Check the space between the bolt assembly and the chamber.
 - e. Insert two fingers in the magazine well and feel for brass or ammunition.
6. Close the cover and feed mechanism assembly. Move the safety to the fire position.
7. Pull the cocking handle to the rear, press the trigger, and ease the bolt forward.

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M240 MACHINE GUN

1. Place safety to "F".
2. Pull cocking handle assembly to the rear, locking the bolt to the rear. Return cocking handle to forward position.
3. Place safety on "S".
4. Push in latches to open cover assembly.
5. Remove ammunition belt if present.
6. Raise feed tray.
7. Inspect the chamber area. Remove any ammunition, ammunition casings, or links.
 - a. Check feed pawl assembly and feed tray assembly.
 - b. Lift the feed tray assembly and inspect the chamber.
 - c. Check the space between the face of the bolt and the chamber.
 - d. Check the space under the bolt and operating rod assembly.
8. Lower feed tray.
9. Place safety to "F".
10. Hold cocking handle assembly to rear, depress trigger, and ease bolt forward to close and lock.
11. Close cover assembly. Make sure it locks shut.

NOTE: Be sure bolt is forward with safety in ("F") fire position when gun is not in use.

M24 SNIPER WEAPON

1. Place the weapon on safe.
2. Note: If the weapon does not go on safe ("S") perform the following steps with extra caution.
3. Lift bolt handle fully and pull to the rear; (Place weapon on safe if unable to in step 1).
4. Inspect chamber for round.
5. Inspect magazine for a round. (If a round is in the magazine, then press floorplate latch and drop round out of magazine. (See figure 2-3 in TM 9-1005-306-10).
6. Close floorplate, weapon is clear.