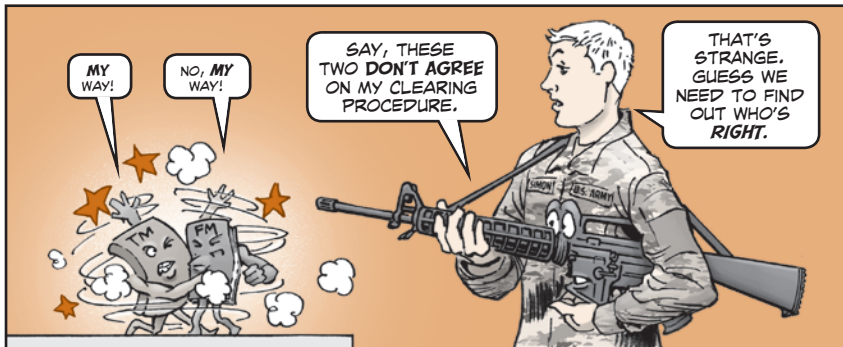
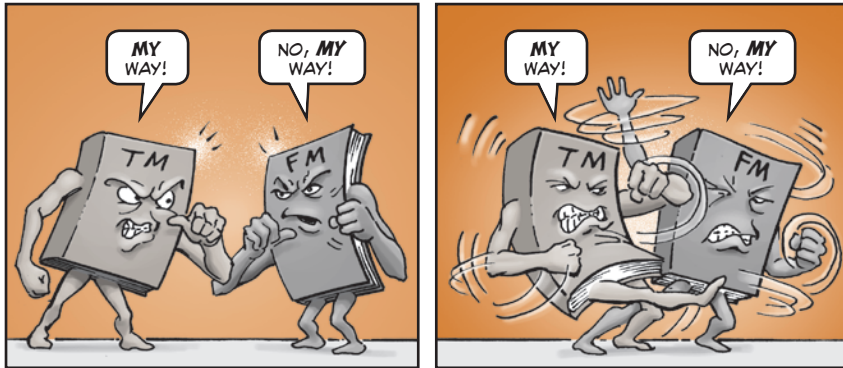
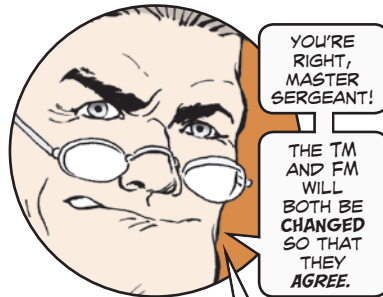


BE CLEAR ON CLEARING PROCEDURE



Dear Editor,
 The M16/M4 TM 9-1005-319-10 (Jun 10) and FM 3-22.9 (Aug 08, w/Ch1, Feb 11) give different procedures for clearing the weapon. The FM requires the Soldier to dry fire the weapon, while the TM doesn't. It would be a good idea for PS to clear up the clearing confusion.

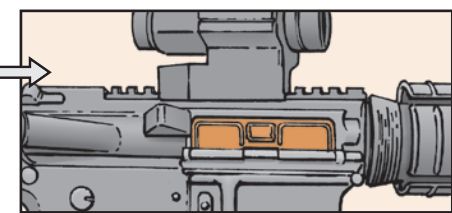
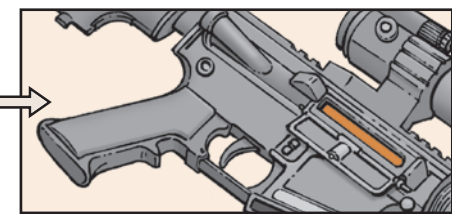
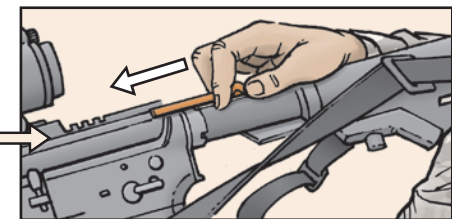
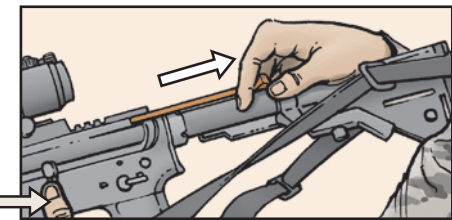
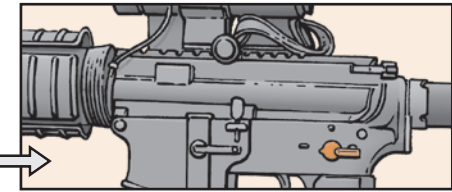
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BUT THAT MAY BE A WAYS DOWN THE ROAD. SO HERE'S HOW THE PROCEDURE WILL READ IN PARA 2-19 IN THE TM:

OPERATING PROCEDURES— UNLOADING AND CLEARING YOUR RIFLE

1. Point weapon in a safe direction.
2. Place weapon selector lever on SAFE. (NOTE: If the weapon is not cocked, lever cannot be pointed toward SAFE.) Remove magazine by depressing magazine catch button and pulling the magazine down.
3. Lock the bolt open.
 - (1) Pull the charging handle to the rear.
 - (2) Press and hold the bottom of the bolt catch.
 - (3) Allow the bolt to move forward until it engages the bolt catch.
 - (4) Return the charging handle to the forward position.
 - (5) Ensure that the selector is on SAFE.
4. Visually inspect the chamber to ensure it contains no ammunition.
5. Allow the bolt to move forward by pressing the upper portion of the bolt catch.
6. Close the ejection port cover.



NOTE: IF WEAPON IS TO BE STORED, IT SHOULD BE **DRY FIRED** TO RELEASE TENSION ON HAMMER SPRING: UNLOAD AND CLEAR THE RIFLE, KEEPING THE WEAPON POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION, PLACE SELECTOR LEVER ON SEMI AND SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER.

IN PARA 3-3, DELETE "PULL BACK CHARGING HANDLE (1) AND CHECK CHAMBER (2). PLACE SELECTOR LEVER ON SAFE."
 PARA 4-1 OF THE FM WILL SAY ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING.

UNITS SHOULD MAKE COPIES OF THE PROCEDURE AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO ALL SOLDIERS WHO USE THE M16 OR M4.