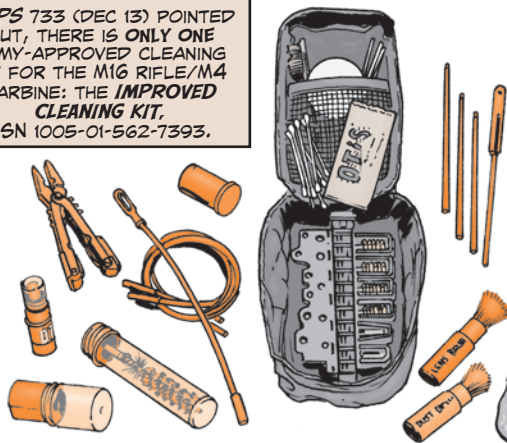


WHAT'S IN IMPROVED CLEANING KIT?

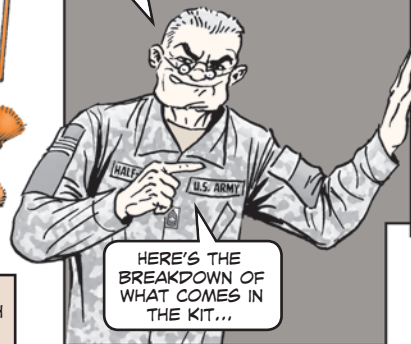


AS PS 733 (DEC 13) POINTED OUT, THERE IS ONLY ONE ARMY-APPROVED CLEANING KIT FOR THE M16 RIFLE/M4 CARBINE: THE **IMPROVED CLEANING KIT**.
NSN 1005-01-562-7393.



THAT ARTICLE SHOWED THAT ORDERING THE **INDIVIDUAL** CLEANING TOOLS LISTED IN TM 9-1005-319-10 WAS MUCH **CHEAPER** THAN ORDERING THE IMPROVED CLEANING KIT.

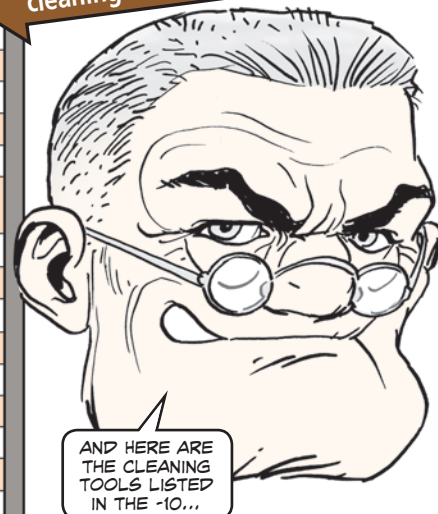
BUT WHAT THE ARTICLE DID **NOT** SAY IS THAT THE IMPROVED CLEANING KIT INCLUDES SEVERAL **MORE** ITEMS THAN THOSE LISTED IN THE -10.



HERE'S THE BREAKDOWN OF WHAT COMES IN THE KIT...

| Item | NSN |
|---|------------------|
| Carrying case | none |
| Alice clips | none |
| Cotton swabs | 6515-01-234-6838 |
| Lens cleaner (½ ounce) | 1005-01-523-9988 |
| Lens brush | 1005-01-445-6798 |
| Lens cloth | none |
| NATO adapter | 1005-01-449-9674 |
| .22-cal obstruction remover (2) | 1005-01-449-9672 |
| .22-cal slotted tip | 1005-01-449-9315 |
| .30-cal slotted tip | 1005-01-449-9254 |
| Blackened brass scraper | 1005-01-452-6373 |
| Straight locking lug pick | 1005-01-449-9943 |
| Black locking lug scraper | none |
| 5.56mm bore brush | 1005-01-449-8980 |
| 7.62mm bore brush | 1005-01-449-8999 |
| 9mm bore brush | 1005-01-449-9159 |
| .45-cal bore brush | 1005-01-449-9282 |
| 5.56mm chamber brush | 1005-01-544-7698 |
| 8-in flexible cable with .30-cal slotted tip | none |
| Curved locking lug pick | 1005-01-581-8143 |
| T-handle bar | 1005-01-581-8146 |
| 2-in cleaning patches | 1005-01-449-9257 |
| Panoply cleaning patches | 1005-01-445-6728 |
| Multi-tool | 5110-01-394-6252 |
| Refillable bottle | 1005-01-487-0045 |
| Shoot-through dust cap | 5340-00-880-7666 |
| 30-in flexible cable (2) | 1005-01-449-8934 |
| M16 solid rod obstruction remover with T-handle | none |
| Small arms cleaning brush | 1005-01-578-9925 |
| Dust brush | none |
| Pipe cleaners | 9920-00-292-9946 |

The cost of the improved cleaning kit is now \$512.28.



AND HERE ARE THE CLEANING TOOLS LISTED IN THE -10...

| Item | NSN |
|---|------------------|
| Maintenance equipment case | 8465-00-781-9564 |
| Cleaning rod handle section | 1005-01-113-0321 |
| Cleaning rod section (25 per box, 3 required) | 1005-00-050-6357 |
| Swab holder | 1005-00-937-2250 |
| Bore brush | 1005-00-903-1296 |
| Chamber brush | 1005-00-999-1435 |
| Toothbrush | 1005-00-494-6602 |
| Cleaning brush | 7920-00-205-2401 |
| CLP (½-oz bottle) | 9150-01-102-1473 |
| Pipe cleaners | 9920-00-292-9946 |
| Small arms swab | 1005-00-912-4248 |

Editor's note: There are other cleaning kits for the M16/M4 that have NSNs assigned. But, as PS has said before, the assignment of an NSN does not automatically mean it is approved for use. Only the cleaning parts listed in the TM and the kit listed in this article are approved by TACOM for use with the M16/M4.