

**071-COM-0028**  
**Load an M16-Series Rifle/M4-Series Carbine**  
**Status: Approved**

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**Security Classification: U** - Unclassified

**Distribution Restriction:** Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

**Destruction Notice:** None

**Foreign Disclosure: FD1** - This training product has been reviewed by the training developers in coordination with the G2, Fort Benning, GA 31905 foreign disclosure officer. This training product can be used to instruct international military students from all approved countries without restrictions.

**Conditions:** You are assigned a M16-series rifle or M4-series carbine and must load it in preparation for operation. You have 5.56-mm ammunition in a 20 or 30 round magazine. The weapon is already cleared. Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP 4.

**Standards:** Keep the weapon pointed in a safe direction, attempt to place weapon on safe, lock the bolt to the rear, insert the magazine, and chamber a round. All steps must be performed in sequence and magazine must be securely seated and a round must be chambered.

**Special Conditions:** None

**Safety Risk:** Low

**MOPP 4:** Sometimes

**Task Statements**

**Cue:** None

**DANGER**

Weapon must always be pointed in a safe direction. Failure to comply may result in injury or death to personnel.

**WARNING**

None

**CAUTION**

None

**Remarks:** None

**Notes:** None

## Performance Steps

1. Keep the weapon pointed in a safe direction.
2. Attempt to place weapon on safe.  
Note: If the Weapon is not cocked, you cannot place the selector lever on SAFE.
3. Lock the bolt to the rear.
  - a. Pull the charging handle rearward.
  - b. Press and hold the bottom of the bolt catch.
  - c. Allow the bolt to move forward until it engages the bolt catch.
  - d. Release the bottom of the bolt catch.
  - e. Return the charging handle to the forward position.
4. Insert the magazine.
  - a. Push the magazine upwards until the magazine catch engages.
  - b. Tap upward on the bottom of the magazine to ensure the magazine is seated.
5. Chamber a round.  
Note: Round may be chambered with the bolt assembly open or closed.
  - a. Chamber a round when the bolt is open.  
Note: The charging handle should not be ridden forward.
    - (1) Press the upper portion of the bolt catch allowing the bolt to go forward.
    - (2) Tap the forward assist to ensure that the bolt is fully forward and locked.  
Note: The weapon is now loaded.
  - b. Chamber a round when the bolt is closed.  
Note: The charging handle should not be ridden forward.
    - (1) Pull the charging handle to the rear as far as it will go.
    - (2) Release the charging handle.
    - (3) Tap the forward assist to ensure that the bolt is fully forward and locked.  
Note: The weapon is now loaded.

(Asterisks indicates a leader performance step.)

**Evaluation Guidance:** Score the Soldier GO if all performance measures are passed. Score the Soldier NO-GO if any performance measure is failed. If the Soldier scores a NO-GO, show the Soldier what was done wrong and how to do it correctly.

**Evaluation Preparation:** Setup: Provide the Soldier with the equipment and materials described in the conditions statement.

Brief the Soldier: Tell the Soldier what is required to successfully complete the task by reviewing the conditions and standards. Stress the importance of observing cautions, warnings, and dangers, as applicable.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	GO	NO-GO	N/A
1. Kept the weapon pointed in a safe direction.			
2. Attempted to place weapon on safe.			
3. Locked the bolt to the rear.			
4. Inserted the magazine.			
5. Chambered a round.			

**Supporting Reference(s):**

Step Number	Reference ID	Reference Name	Required	Primary	Source Information
	TM 9-1005-319-10	OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR RIFLE, 5.56 MM, M16A2 (NSN 1005-01-128-9936), (EIC: 4GM) RIFLE, 5.56 MM, M16A3 (NSN 1005-01-357-5112) RIFLE, 5.56 MM, M16A4 (NSN 1005-01-383-2872) (EIC: 4F9) CARBINE, 5.56 MM, M4 (Change 2 Dated 15 April 2019)	Yes	Yes	

**TADSS :** None

**Equipment Items (LIN):**

LIN	Name
R95035	RIFLE 5.56MM M16A2
R97234	RIFLE 5.56 MM M4
R97175	RIFLE 5.56MILL M16A4
C06935	CARBINE 5.56MILL M4A1

**Materiel Items (NSN) :**

Step ID	NSN	LIN	Title	Qty
No materiel items specified				

**Environment:** Environmental protection is not just the law but the right thing to do. It is a continual process and starts with deliberate planning. Always be alert to ways to protect our environment during training and missions. In doing so, you will contribute to the sustainment of our training resources while protecting people and the environment from harmful effects. Refer to the current Environmental Considerations manual and the current GTA Environmental-related Risk Assessment card.

**Safety:** In a training environment, leaders must perform a risk assessment in accordance with current Risk Management Doctrine. Leaders will complete the current Deliberate Risk Assessment Worksheet in accordance with the TRADOC Safety Officer during the planning and completion of each task and sub-task by assessing mission, enemy, terrain and weather, troops and support available-time available and civil considerations, (METT-TC). Note: During MOPP training, leaders must ensure personnel are monitored for potential heat injury. Local policies and procedures must be followed during times of increased heat category in order to avoid heat related injury. Consider the MOPP work/rest cycles and water replacement guidelines IAW current CBRN doctrine.

**Prerequisite Individual Tasks :** None

**Supporting Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Individual Tasks :** None

**Supported Collective Tasks :** None

**Knowledges :**

Knowledge ID	Knowledge Name
071-OPN-0015	Safety Procedures
071-WPN-0062	Infantry Weapons Ammunition
071-WPN-0063	Weapons Functions

**Skills :**

<b>Skill ID</b>	<b>Skill Name</b>
071-WPN-0024	Follow Safety Procedures
071-WPN-0004	Identify Types of Ammunition
071-WPN-0005	Ability to Load and Unload Infantry Weapons
071-WPN-0019	Identify Unserviceable Ammunition

**ICTL Data :** None