

071-COM-0029
Perform a Function Check on an M16-Series Rifle/M4-Series Carbine
Status: Approved

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Conditions: You are a member of a squad or team preparing for a tactical operation and must ensure the operability of your assigned M16-series rifle or M4-series carbine. Some iterations of this task should be performed in MOPP 4.

Standards: Verify the M16/M4 is clear and conduct a function check to ensure that the weapon operates properly with the selector switch in each position. All steps for the function check must be performed in sequence.

Special Conditions: None

Safety Risk: Low

MOPP 4: Sometimes

Task Statements

Cue: None

DANGER

None

WARNING

Always clear weapon before starting a function check.
Do not squeeze trigger until weapon has been cleared.
Ensure weapon is always pointed in a safe direction.

CAUTION

None

Remarks: None

Notes: A function check is the final step of maintaining your weapon. It is also performed any time the proper operation of a weapon is in question. Stop a function check at any time the weapon does not function properly and turn in the malfunctioning weapon as per unit standing operating procedures.

There is a Windows 3D interactive multi-media instructions (IMI) model that supports this task on the Central Army Registry (CAR) <https://rdl.train.army.mil>. Search for title: M4-Series Carbine - Windows 3D Interactive Multi-media Instructions (IMI).

Performance Steps

1. Confirm the M16/M4 is clear.
2. Check weapon in SEMI firing mode.
 - a. Place selector lever on SAFE.
Note: If the weapon is not cocked, you cannot place the selector lever on SAFE.
 - b. Pull charging handle to rear and release.
 - c. Pull trigger.
Note: Hammer should not fall.
 - d. Place selector lever on SEMI.
 - e. Pull trigger.
Note: Hammer should fall.
 - f. Hold trigger to the rear and charge the weapon.
 - g. Release the trigger with a slow, smooth motion, until the trigger is fully forward.
Note: An audible click should be heard.
 - h. Pull trigger.
Note: Hammer should fall.
3. (M16A2, M16A4, and M4 only) Check weapon in BURST firing mode.
 - a. Place selector lever on BURST.
 - b. Charge weapon one time.
 - c. Squeeze trigger.
Note: Hammer should fall.
 - d. Charge weapon three times.
 - e. Hold trigger to the rear.
 - f. Release trigger.
 - g. Squeeze trigger.
Note: Hammer should fall.
4. (M16A3 and M4A1 only) Check weapon in AUTO firing mode.
 - a. Place the selector switch on AUTO.
 - b. Pull the charging handle to the rear, charging the weapon.
 - c. Squeeze the trigger.
Note: Hammer should fall.
 - d. Hold the trigger to the rear.
 - e. Charge the weapon again.
 - f. Fully release the trigger then squeeze it again.
Note: The hammer should not fall because it should have fallen when the bolt was allowed to move forward during the chambering and locking sequences.

(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. Confirmed the M16/M4 was clear.			
2. Checked the weapon in SEMI firing mode.			
3. (M16A2, M16A4, and M4 only) Checked the weapon in BURST firing mode.			
4. (M16A3 and M4A1 only) Checked the weapon in AUTO firing mode.			

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
ZA0518	Rifle, 5.56 Millimeter
R94977	RIFLE 5.56MM M16A1
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 :

Task Number	Title	Proponent	Status
071-COM-0027	Unload an M16-Series Rifle/M4-Series Carbine	071 - Infantry (Individual)	Approved

Supported Individual Tasks : None**Supported Collective Tasks :** None**Knowledges :**

Knowledge ID	Knowledge Name
071-WPN-0059	Identity and Location of Parts of Infantry Weapons
071-OPN-0016	Inspection Techniques
071-OPN-0015	Safety Procedures
071-WPN-0063	Weapons Functions
011-1569K	Personnel safety

Skills :

Skill ID	Skill Name
071-WPN-0033	Load and Unload Infantry Weapons
071-WPN-0007	Detect Weapon Malfunctions
071-MNT-0001	Interpret a Technical Manual
071-WPN-0010	Perform a Function Check on Infantry Weapons
071-WPN-0006	Clear Infantry Weapons

ICTL Data : None