

Introducing the M240 Dismount Kit

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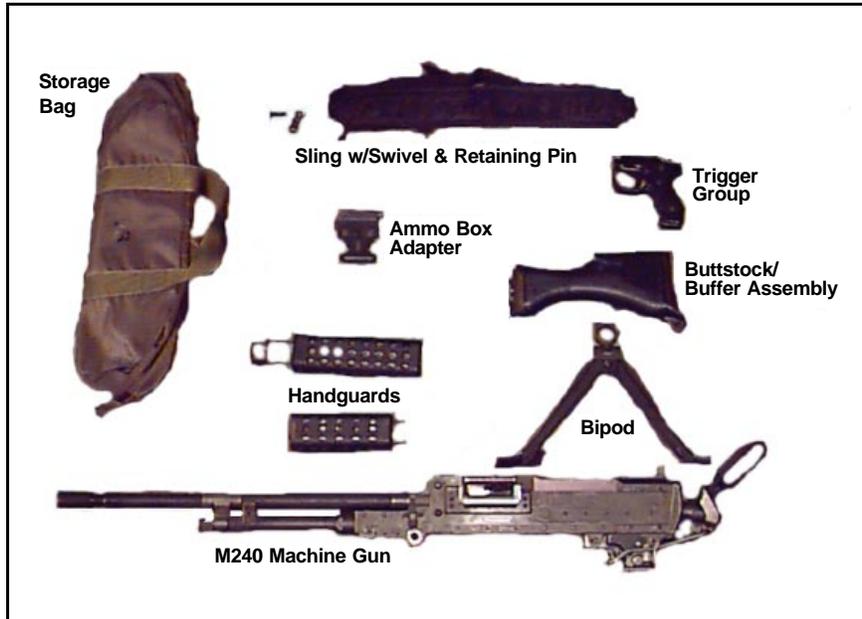
As a tanker, have you ever performed observation post tasks, escape and evasion operations, or checkpoint missions and wished that you had more firepower available?

In the near future, tank crews will have that increased capability. Crews will be able to dismount the loader's M240 machine gun and quickly modify it for ground operations with the new M240 Dismount Kit. The kit consists of a bipod, buttstock/buffer assembly, trigger group, two piece handguard with heat-shield, a sling with swivel and retaining pin, an adapter to hold the ammo box, and a bag in which to store the kit.

These components were successfully tested as a system by both the Infantry Center and the U.S. Marine Corps. The kit does not include a sight, due to cost, but testing has shown that even without the sight, the weapon provides effective killing fire and area suppression. Components of the kit are shown in the photo above.

The Commanding General of the U.S. Army Armor Center has requested that the Project Manager Small Arms establish a program for the M240 Dismount Kit and begin fielding as soon as possible. Funding is now identified and initial fielding should begin 3d Quarter FY99.

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PFC Marco A. Vazquez of HHC, 3-81 Armor, mans an M240 fitted with new dismount kit. A bipod, buttstock, and trigger group adapt this effective tank machine gun to ground use.

