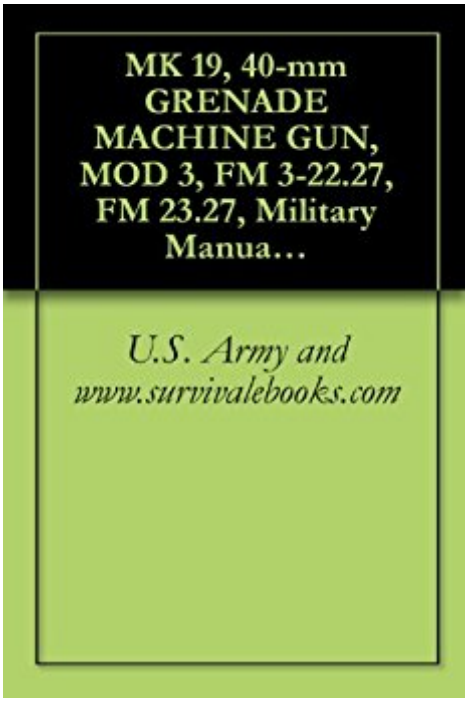
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Synopsis

MK 19, 40-mm GRENADE MACHINE GUN, MOD 3, FM 3-22.27, FM 23.27This manual discusses how to train the unit to use the MK 19, 40-mm grenade machine gun, model (MOD) 3, referred to in this manual as the MK 19. This manual highlights mechanical training, weapon capabilities, and gunnery principles, methods, techniques, and standards that apply to the MOD 3. It also includes preliminary gunnery, a gunnery skills test, gunnery tables, and qualification tables.Although the MK 19 is a recent entry into the ArmyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s inventory, development began in 1963. The first version was a hand-cranked, multiple grenade launcher called the MK 18. In 1966 the need for more firepower inspired the development of a self-powered 40-mm machine gun called the MK 19, MOD 0. This model was neither reliable nor safe enough for use as a military weapon system. Product improvementsbegun in 1971 resulted in the 1972 MOD 1, of which only six were produced. The MOD 1 performed effectively in Navy riverine patrol craft and broader applications for the MK 19 were found. In 1973 the Navy developed the MOD 2, which featured improved reliability, safety, and maintainability. In 1976 a complete redesign resulted in the MK 19, MOD 3, which the Army adopted in 1983. The Army now uses the MK 19 within the tactical environment for defense, retrograde, patrolling, reararea security, urban operations, and special operations.APPLICATIONSThe MK 19 supports the soldier in both the offense and defense. It gives the unit the capability of laying down a heavy volume of close, accurate, and continuous fire. The MK 19 can also:Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Protect motor movements, assembly areas, and supply trains in a bivouac.Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Defend against hovering rotary aircraft.Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Destroy lightly-armored vehicles.Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Fire on suspected enemy positions.Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Provide high volumes of fire into an engagement area (EA).Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Cover obstacles.Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Provide indirect fires from defilade positions.DESCRIPTIONThe MK 19 is an air-cooled, blowback-operated machine gun with five major assembly. A disintegrating metallic link belt feeds ammunition through the left side of the weapon. Tables 1-1 and 1-2 provide MK 19 technical and operational data, respectively.

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