The Next Advancement of the M240 General Purpose Machine Gun

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Previous M240 Improvements

- Single Port Gas Regulator
- MIL-STD-1913 Equipped Feed Cover
- MIL-STD-1913 Accessory Rail System
- Hydraulic Buffer
- Lightweight Adjustable Buttstock
- Lightweight and Shortened Barrels
- Reduced Weight Receiver
- Improved Flash Hider
- Alternative Materials
- Lightweight Trigger Assembly
Select Fire™ Trigger Assembly
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Abstract

A trigger assembly for a trigger housing for a M240 assault rifle is provided having a switch accessible at the outside of the trigger housing for changing the firing of the rifle between semi-automatic and fully-automatic fire.
Research and Development

- Developed from the idea that machine gunners needed a way to conserve ammunition during zeroing procedures and when tactically advantageous in combat to use a semi-automatic mode.
- A 3 position selector similar to the configuration in the M-16/M-4 was explored, however was not possible without major changes to the design. Incorporating the Safety into the Selector would produce a less safe product than the existing sliding block style Safety.
- Would not require any modification to host weapon, and would be able to be used by any M240 regardless of manufacturer, date of manufacture, or configuration. All safeties intact and trigger weights would be IAW MIL-M-63314.
- Based on design of OOW240-SLR Trigger Group (Semi-Automatic Only 240 Variant).
- Initial guideline for weight was no more than 6 oz heavier than original. Standard group= 15.2 oz, Select Fire= 15.68 oz.
Testing

- 2 Phases of Endurance Testing conducted. Phase I with 1,000 rounds fired in semi-auto mode only. Phase II with 10,000 rounds fired in both semi and full-auto modes. In both Phases, zero failures attributed to Trigger Assembly. Trigger pull pre-test was 12.25 lbs in Semi, 10 lbs in Full-Auto. Post-test Semi was 11.5 lbs, and Full-Auto was 9.75 lbs.
- The Selector was cycled 10,000 times with Selector resistance weight measured post-test. Weight Pre-Test=29 oz, Post-test=24 oz.
- Drop Tests were conducted from two meters on all six sides of weapon.
- Vibration Tests were conducted after failure mode identified where Sear would reset during long strings of sustained full auto fire. It was found that as the Sear leg contacted the Safety, vibration would travel through Disconnector and dislodge Sear. Sear leg was shortened slightly and design change was verified that sustained full auto fire would not trip Sear.
- Double Tap Testing was conducted with Rigid Buffer/Backplate and 3rd gas position at ~900rpm. No double taps were experienced.
Future Improvements

• Explore further weight reduction through the use of alternative materials and manufacturing processes without reduction in performance or reliability.

• Component improvements and new designs to match the modularity of advancing accessories.
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