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# Project Manager Soldier Weapons Rapid Fielding Initiative (RFI) Update

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# Soldier Weapons RFI



- Bottom Line Up Front
- RFI has Made great progress in fielding
  - over 600,000 Soldiers Fielded
  - Is Sustainable – path forward toward Standardization
  - Is Accountable

**Project Manager Soldier Weapons  
RFI Items Fielded  
August 2002 - March 2006  
over 600,000 Soldiers Fielded**



**Back-up Iron Sight**

**M68 CCO**

**Three-Point Sling**

**Weapon Light**

**TA31F 4X ACOG**

**M203 Day/Night Sight**

**Modular Weapon System Kit**

**M4 Forward Grip Bipod**

**M4 Improved Buttstock**

**M4/M16 Improved Cleaning Kit**

**M192/M122 Ground Mounts**

**Improved Spotting Scope**

**M24 Small Binoculars**

**M145 Machinegun Optic**

**M249 Short Barrel**

**M249/M240B Spare Barrel Bag**

**M249 Collapsible Buttstock**

**M249 Ammo Soft Pack (100&200rd)**

**M240B Rails**

**M240B Combat Ammo Pack -**

# PM Soldier Weapons RFI Coordination with Gaining Units



- Attend Coordination Meetings in Conjunction with PEO Operations Cell
- Identify unit needs ahead of time
  - Type unit(s): BCT or EAB?
  - MTOE and Modularity
  - Attain weapon density of unit
- Explain weapon accessory application to units
  - Gaining unit schedule for installation of weapon items to include location (either arms room or fielding site)
- Outline Training that will be provided
  - Obligation to gaining units to ensure training is provided on PMSW RFI equipment
  - If training is definitely not wanted, written request needed from Brigade Commander or higher

# Installation of Weapon Items



- TACOM Rock Island Total Package Fielding (TPF), on behalf of PMSW, installs the following:
  - Back Up Iron Sights on M4 Carbines and M16A4 Rifles
  - M249 Forward Rails
  - M240B Forward Rails
  - M249 Short Barrels and M249 Collapsible Buttstocks
  - M122A1 adapter kit (if needed)
  - M4 and/or M5 Adapter Rail Systems
  - M203 40mm Grenade Launcher MWS adapter kit
  - Gold extractor springs to the M4 carbine (not an RFI item, but springs are replaced for units in conjunction with RFI)
  
- Additionally, TPF trains unit armorers on the installation of above items



# Training



- PMSW provides Subject Matter Experts to instruct unit personnel through a “Train the Trainer” concept on the following equipment items:
  - M203 Day/Night Sight
  - M192 Lightweight Ground Mount (Tripod)
  - TA31F Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight (ACOG)
  - M68 Close Combat Optic
  - M145 Machine Gun Optic
  - Back Up Iron Sight (BUIS) used on M4/M16A4
  
- Training is conducted by PMSW core personnel or personnel from TACOM Rock Island New Equipment Training Branch



# Sustainment Path Forward



- Strategy is to standardize all items for sustainment through the supply system
- 16 of 21 of items are standard
- 5 items in process of being standardized
- Interim sustainment through DLA prime vendor