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Subject: TACOM LCMC GPA 10-011, M500 Mossberg/M870 Remington Shotguns, Accidental Discharge Safety Alert

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Subject: Ground Precautionary Action (GPA) Message, TACOM Control No. GPA 10-011, Operational, Accidental Discharge Safety Alert for M500 Mossberg Shotgun, NSN 1005-01-295-1832, LIN T39223, Density 22,283; M590 Mossberg Shotgun, NSN 1005-01-251-8578, LIN T39223, Density 1,862; M870 Remington Shotgun, NSN 1005-00-973-5645, LIN T39223, Density 89.

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X "ATTENTION" X  
X THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT IS VITAL X  
X TO THE SAFETY OF ARMY PERSONNEL AND THE OPERATION X  
X OR MAINTENANCE OF ARMY EQUIPMENT. X  
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1. Distribution:

a. This is an "Operational" Ground Precautionary Action (GPA) Message. Commanders/Directors of Army Commands (ACOM)/Army Service Component Commands (ASCC)/Direct Reporting Units (DRU), Army National Guard (ARNG), US Army Reserve (USAR) Command, US Navy (USN), US Air Force (USAF), US Marine Corps (USMC) and other Service Commanders and Responsible Offices will retransmit this message to all subordinate Commanders/Activities within 24 hours of receipt and will, within 5 working days, acknowledge receipt by e-mail to [DAMI\\_safety.of.use@conus.army.mil](mailto:DAMI_safety.of.use@conus.army.mil) or by telephoning DSN 273-2623, Commercial (586)239-2623 or in writing to Commander, TACOM Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM LCMC), ATTN: AMSTA-LCL-MPM, 6501 E. 11 Mile Rd., Warren, MI 48397-5000.

b. Commanders/Directors of Army Commands (ACOM)/Army Service Component Commands (ASCC)/Direct Reporting Units (DRU), Army National Guard (ARNG), US Army Reserve (USAR) Command, other Service Commanders and other Responsible Offices, will also track and report compliance of this message for all subordinate Commands/Activities to: Mr. Engels Arias DSN 793-5951/COMM 309-782-5951 email: [engels.arias@us.army.mil](mailto:engels.arias@us.army.mil) no later than: 30 Days from date of this message.

2. Problem:

a. Summary of Problem: During drop testing of the M26 Modular Accessory Shotgun System (MASS) accidental discharge of the Mossberg M500/M590 and Remington M870 shotguns was experienced. The loaded weapons were found to possibly fire upon being dropped muzzle first. This occurred even when the safety was on.

b. Expected results if failure occurs: If these shotguns are dropped muzzle first with a loaded round in the chamber, they may fire, causing injury to personnel within close range.

3. User Actions:

a. Technical References:

(1) Technical Manual (TM) 9-1005-338-13&P, Technical Manual, Unit and Direct Support Maintenance Manual, including Repair Parts and Special Tools for the Mossberg 12-Gauge Shotgun, Model 500 and Mossberg 12-Gauge Shotgun, Model 590. May 2005

(2) Technical Order (TO) 11W3-6-2-1, Technical Manual Intermediate Maintenance Instructions with Illustrated Parts Breakdown for the Military Shotgun 12-Gauge Pump Action Model 870.

b. Maintenance Levels: All maintenance levels.

c. Corrective Actions: The intent of this GPA is to prevent future accidents by informing users to not chamber a round in these shotguns until they are ready to fire.

(1) Mark up the reference Technical Manuals with the following warning:

WARNING

Operators should not chamber a round into the shotgun until they are ready to fire. Accidental discharge and injury could occur from dropping the shotgun in the muzzle down position.

(2) Place a copy of this GPA message inside the front cover of your TM 9-1005-338-13&P, until you receive the revised TM/TO.

4. Unit Commanders:

a. Commanders shall distribute and ensure compliance of this message in accordance with paragraph 1.b.

b. Contact your local TACOM LCMC Logistics Assistance Representative (LAR) or your State Surface Maintenance Manager upon receipt of this message for assistance. For assistance in locating your TACOM LCMC LAR, see paragraph 7c.

5. TACOM LCMC/PM actions: The above warning will be added to TM 9-1005-338-13&P, Change 3, and should be available third quarter of FY2010.

6. Supply Status: Not applicable.

7. Points of Contact:

a. Technical - Mr. Engels Arias, DSN 793-5951/COMM 309-782-5951, email: [engels.arias@us.army.mil](mailto:engels.arias@us.army.mil).

b. Safety - Mr. Gavin Ziegler, DSN 793-2995/COMM 309-782-2995, email: [gavin.ziegler@us.army.mil](mailto:gavin.ziegler@us.army.mil).

c. To find your TACOM LCMC LAR, you must be a registered user in the Army Electronic Product Support (AEPS) database. If you are a registered user, then click on this link: <https://aeaps2.ria.army.mil/Services/Lars/Tacom/larmap/LARlocate/larmap.cfm>. Then select the appropriate region; i.e. CONUS, Europe, Far East, and SWA. Select the location nearest you and click on a name. This will give you a LAR's name, DSN and commercial phone number, email address, and photo.

(1) If you are not a registered user, request access at the public page: <https://aeaps.ria.army.mil/aeapspublic.cfm> then click on "Access Request Form" and follow the instructions for obtaining an AEPS userid. If you don't have access to AEPS, you can also obtain this information by contacting the TACOM LCMC Senior Command Representative (SCR) for your area.

(2) CONUS-East Region includes all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Units in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and FORSCOM. CONUS-East SCR can be reached at DSN 312-236-6921, Commercial 910-396-6921.

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