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DETAILED INSTRUCTOR GUIDE

LESSON TITLE

RIFLE RELOADS

COURSE TITLE

DIVISION MATCH COURSE



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DETAILED OUTLINE

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INTRODUCTION

(3 MIN)

1. GAIN ATTENTION. In combat, you must be able to respond quickly and decisively to the situation. For quick and effective action in combat, rifle reloading techniques are used to keep the weapon in action. The combat situation will affect when and how reloading is accomplished.
2. OVERVIEW. This lesson will cover rifle reloads including the Tactical Reload and the Speed Reload.
3. INTRODUCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES. The Division Match instruction is structured to prepare the shooter to fire the Division Match Course and is not a component of a formal school program. Therefore, there are no learning objectives.
4. METHOD. This lesson will be taught in a classroom setting using lecture and demonstration.
5. EVALUATION. The Division Match instruction is structured to prepare the shooter to fire the Division Match Course and is not a component of a formal school program. Therefore, students are not evaluated on this material.

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: Substitutions of the language in this lesson plan for 'right' and 'left' hand may be made with 'strong' and 'support', respectively, or 'firing' and 'non-firing' as desired.

BODY

(25 MIN)

1. (5 MIN) CONSIDERATIONS FOR COMBAT RELOADING

There are considerations for reloading in a field environment. Filled magazines are stored with rounds down and projectiles pointing away from the body. Empty or partially filled magazines are stored with the follower up. You must consider the battlefield situation and how it affects the opportunities to reload.



(ON SLIDE #1)

- a. The first priority when performing a reload is to get the rifle reloaded and back into action.
- b. The second priority when performing a reload is to retain the magazine so when you move, the magazine moves with you. When time permits, retain magazines securely on your person (e.g., in magazine pouch, flak jacket, cargo pocket, load-bearing vest). It requires discipline to retain all equipment. The combat situation may dictate dropping the magazine to the deck when performing a reload. This is acceptable as long as it is picked up before moving to another location. Note, however, that a dirty or damaged magazine can cause a stoppage.
- c. Take cover before reloading. Always reload before leaving cover to take advantage of the protection provided by cover.
- d. Every effort should be made not to reload on the move. When moving, your focus should be on moving.
- e. When reloading, your focus should be on reloading only. Do not focus on the enemy; focus instead on the magazine change.
- f. When reloading, draw the weapon in close to you so you can see what you are doing and retain positive control of the magazine.
- g. When the new magazine is inserted, tug on it to ensure it is seated. Do not slam the magazine into the weapon hard enough to cause a round to partially pop out of the magazine. This action will cause a double feed and require remedial action.
- h. Retain your empty magazines. When there is a lull in the action, refill those magazines so they will be available for future use.



i. During a lull in the action, replace your magazine when you know you are low on ammunition. This ensures a full magazine of ammunition in the rifle should action resume. Do not wait until the magazine is completely empty to replace it.

j. If a reload in any position other than prone is required, use a magazine from the left magazine pouch. This leaves filled magazines on the right for reloading in the prone position.

Confirm by questions.

TRANSITION: Quick, efficient reloading is necessary when engaging the enemy. There are two types of combat reloads.

2. (20 MIN) RELOADS

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: Demonstrate the following procedures as they are discussed.

(ON SLIDE #2)

a. Tactical Reload. A Tactical Reload is performed when there is a round in the chamber by replacing the magazine before the weapon runs dry. It is intended as a method to maintain maximum rounds available when there is a lull in an engagement. To perform a Tactical Reload:

1) Withdraw a magazine from the initial load pouch or the next furthest away magazine pouch. Grasp the filled magazine. Grasp the magazine to be replaced high on the magazine with the thumb and fingers, controlling both magazines with the same hand.

2) Depress the magazine release button to remove the magazine.



NOTE

Right-handed shooter using the left hand: Press the magazine release with the index finger of the right hand and remove the magazine with the left hand.

Left-handed shooter using the right hand: Bring the left hand to the slip ring and wrap the hand around the magazine well. Press the magazine release button with the thumb of the left hand and remove the magazine with the right hand.

- 3) Observe the magazine to ensure it is filled.
- 4) Fully insert the magazine into the magazine well until the magazine catch engages the magazine. The magazine catch will "click" as it engages, which can be felt or heard by the shooter. Without releasing the magazine, tug downward on the magazine to ensure it is seated.
- 5) Retain the partially filled magazine.
- 6) Fasten the magazine pouch.

(ON SLIDE #3)

b. Speed Reload. A Speed Reload is required when the magazine in the weapon has been emptied and the bolt has locked to the rear. To perform a Speed Reload:

- 1) With the trigger finger straight, press the magazine release button and remove the empty magazine.

NOTE

Right-handed shooters will press the magazine release with the index finger of the right hand.

Left-handed shooters will press the magazine release with the thumb of the right hand.

- 2) Insert a filled magazine into the magazine well and tug downward on the magazine to ensure it is properly seated.



3) Depress the bolt catch to allow the bolt to move forward and chamber a round.

NOTE

Right-handed shooters using left hand: Strike the upper portion of the bolt catch with the palm of the left hand.

Left-handed shooters using right hand: Strike the upper portion of the bolt catch with the palm of the right hand.

Confirm by questions.

OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS:

(1 MIN)

1. Respond to questions from class.
2. Prompt Marines with questions to the class.
 - a. QUESTION: What reload is performed when the magazine in the weapon has been emptied and the bolt has locked to the rear?

ANSWER: Speed reload.

- b. QUESTION: What reload is performed when there is a lull in the action?

ANSWER: A tactical reload is performed when there is a round in the chamber. In this reload, the magazine is replaced before the weapon runs dry.

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: Ask Marines as many questions as necessary to ensure they fully understand the material presented in this lesson.

SUMMARY:

(1 MIN)

To be effective in combat, reloading techniques are employed to get the rifle back in action. The combat situation will affect the opportunities to reload as well as dictate which type of reload is conducted. A Tactical Reload is performed when there is a lull in the action; a Speed Reload is performed when the magazine has run dry. The Marine must be proficient in performing both types of reloads.



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