

L98A1 Cadet General Purpose (GP) Rifle

Handling the weapon

Never point it at anyone!

Make sure the weapon is unloaded when handed to you.

Never fire the weapon unless instructed to do so, knowing that you know all safety procedures.

The weapon must be unloaded when traveling in a vehicle or involved in a non-tactical move.

Always carry out NSPs when picking up a weapon.

Never rest the muzzle on the body.

The weapon must always be pointed in a safe direction.

NSPs

Must always be carried out:

At the beginning of a range period, practice or lesson.

On return to the armoury.

When handing over/receiving a weapon.

To check the weapons state if in doubt.

1. Check for safe direction.
2. Apply safety catch.
3. Pick up the weapon (if on the ground)
4. Remove magazine (if fitted)
5. Cock, hook and look (7 point check)
6. If clear (pointed in safe direction) let the working parts forward using bolt release catch.
7. Safety catch to fire.
8. Fire aimed shot in safe direction.
9. Safety catch to safe. 10. Close dust cover.

Handing over a weapon

1. Check safety catch.
2. Remove magazine.
3. Cock, hook, look.
4. Pass weapon butt first, ejection opening facing up, demonstrating that body, chamber and bolt face are clear.

Taking over a weapon

1. Demand to be shown that the weapon is clear visually.
2. Ensure safety catch is on.
3. Point weapon in a safe direction.
4. Working parts forward.
5. Safety catch to fire.
6. Take an aimed shot in a safe direction.
7. Safety catch to safe.
8. Close dust cover.

Stripping the weapon

1. Safety catch
2. NSPs
3. Ensure safety catch on.
4. Cock the weapon and allow working parts to go forward.
5. DO NOT fire off the action.
6. Withdraw TMH rear locking pin to the first groove/click.
7. Withdraw the forward TMH locking pin fully.
8. Cup one hand over end of the rifle, remove the TMH by pulling the but upward and outward, ensuring that the spring/recoil rod does not fire out using cupped hand.
9. Remove the rear locking pin fully. Remove the recoil rod. 10. Slide cocking handle assembly to the rear, remove it.
10. Slide out the bolt carrier assembly by placing one hand over the rear of the weapon and raising the muzzle.

Cleaning the weapon

1. Use nylon brush to remove any loose particles from components.
2. Use lightly oiled flannelette to clean the outside of the weapon.
3. Clean barrel first with bore brush, then pull through a dry clean flannelette, 50mm x 50mm (1 square).
4. Pull through clean lightly oiled flannelette to (same size) to oil barrel.
5. Clean working parts by removing any carbon fouling (dirt).
6. Examine component parts for damage or wear.
7. Lightly oil the weapon and magazine.

Reassembling the weapon

1. Insert bolt by slowly sliding it into the main body of weapon.
2. Replace the cocking handle by sliding it onto its rails first and then inserting the extension into the bolt. Then slide forward.
3. Replace the recoil rod and lock it into place using the rear locking pin to first click.
4. Insert the TMH into position
5. Fully home the front and rear locking pins.

Post stripdown checks

1. Check safety catch.
2. Cock and hook.
3. Operate bolt release catch.
4. Attempt to fire the weapon with safety catch to safe.
5. Remove safety and fire an aimed shot.
6. Safety catch.
7. Dust cover.

Loading the weapon

1. Check safety catch.
2. Take hold of magazine and check the rounds and for dirt.
3. Insert magazine and check to make sure it is secure.
4. Check Safety.

Ready

1. Safety catch to safe.
2. Set sights range as required.
3. Cock the weapon.

Unload

1. Apply safety catch.
2. Remove magazine.
3. NSP's
4. Check safety catch.
5. Lower sights to battle.

Make safe (unload followed by load)

1. Safety catch.
2. Remove magazine.
3. NSP's
4. Safety catch.
5. Dust cover.
6. Close dust cover.
7. Battle sights.
8. Safety catch.
9. Load procedures-see above.
10. Safety catch.

Weapon stoppage drills

"Weapon firing ok - weapon stops- weapon fails to fire"

1. Apply safety catch.
2. Cock, hook and look.

Three possible stoppages:

A: No rounds in the chamber, No rounds in the magazine:

1. Remove magazine.
2. Replace with loaded magazine.
3. Check mag. is secure.
4. Operate bolt release catch.

5. Re-aim, safety to fire, continue firing.

B: No rounds in the chamber, Rounds in the magazine:

1. Push mag. firmly into housing.
2. Check mag. is secure.
3. Re-aim, Re-cock, safety to fire, continue firing.

C: Live rounds or empty case obstructing the chamber:

1. Remove mag.
2. If obstruction doesn't clear, tilt the weapon and shake. If obstruction still not cleared, raise your right arm for assistance.
3. Any cleared round, whether or not it is visibly damaged must not be re-loaded. Hand any cleared rounds to the range conductor.
4. Refit mag.
5. Check mag. is secure.
6. Operate bolt release catch.
7. Re-aim, safety to fire, continue firing.

When firing the GP it is important that you apply the safety catch before every procedure, and if in a test it is important that you ensure that the examiner noticed.

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