

## Magazine Release Methods

### Method 1



**Description:** Method 1 is also referred to as a “rapid reload”. The spent magazine is released with the trigger finger of the firing hand that supports the weapon at the pistol grip. The non-firing hand is used to simultaneously obtain, insert and seat a loaded magazine. Method 1 is useful in the standing and kneeling positions.

**Procedure:** With the firing hand positioned around the pistol grip, support the weapon with the firing hand. Remove the trigger finger from the trigger. Extend the trigger finger forward and depress the magazine release button. Simultaneously, with the non-firing hand, release the handguard or vertical hand grip and remove a loaded magazine from a “weak side” ammunition pouch or Load Bearing Vest pocket. Orientation of the magazines in the pouch should allow the Marine to grasp the magazine at the base and pivot it around to engage the magazine well properly for insertion (bullets forward). Insert the magazine fully into the magazine well until the magazine is engaged with the magazine catch. Pull down on the magazine to check that it is secured. If the magazine fails to fully engage the magazine catch, tap the bottom of the magazine with the non-firing hand. Depress the bolt release to chamber a round if the bolt is locked to the rear. Return the non-firing hand to the handguard or vertical hand grip. Continue to engage the enemy.

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## Method 2



**Description:** Method 2 is also referred to as a “tactical reload”. The spent magazine is released with the thumb of the firing hand. The non-firing hand supports the weapon at the handguard or vertical hand grip. The firing hand is used to remove the spent magazine, retain the spent magazine, obtain, insert and seat a loaded magazine. Method 2 can be performed in all firing positions, but is especially useful in the prone position where the non-firing hand is used to support the weapon at the hand guard or vertical hand grip.

**Procedure:** With the firing hand positioned around the pistol grip, support the weapon with the non-firing hand at the handguard or vertical hand grip. Remove the firing hand from the pistol grip. Bring the firing hand forward and grasp the body of the magazine. Extend the thumb upward and depress the magazine release button. Pull the spent magazine out of the weapon and secure it. With the firing hand, obtain a loaded magazine from a “strong side” ammunition pouch or Load Bearing Vest pocket. Orientation of the magazines in the pouch should allow the Marine to grasp the magazine at the base and pivot it around to engage the magazine well properly for insertion (bullets forward). Insert the magazine fully into the magazine well until the magazine is engaged with the magazine catch. Pull down on the magazine to check that it is secured. If the magazine fails to fully engage the magazine catch, tap the bottom of the magazine with the firing hand. Depress the bolt release to chamber a round if the bolt is locked to the rear. Return the firing hand to the pistol grip. Continue to engage the enemy

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## Method 3



**Description:** Method 3 is also considered a “tactical reload”. The spent magazine is released with the thumb of the non-firing hand. The firing hand supports the weapon at the pistol grip. The non-firing hand is used to remove the spent magazine, retain the spent magazine, obtain, insert and seat a loaded magazine. Method 3 is useful in the standing and kneeling positions. Also useful in MOUT to check the condition of a magazine.

**Procedure:** With the firing hand positioned around the pistol grip, support the weapon with the firing hand. Remove the non-firing hand from the handguard or vertical hand grip. Bring the non-firing hand rearward and grasp the body of the magazine. Extend the thumb upward and depress the magazine release button. Pull the spent magazine out of the weapon and secure it. With the non-firing hand, obtain a loaded magazine from a “weak side” ammunition pouch or Load Bearing Vest pocket. Orientation of the magazines in the pouch should allow the Marine to grasp the magazine at the base and pivot it around to engage the magazine well properly for insertion (bullets forward). Insert the magazine fully into the magazine well until the magazine is engaged with the magazine catch. Pull down on the magazine to check that it is secured. If the magazine fails to fully engage the magazine catch, tap the bottom of the magazine with the non-firing hand. Depress the bolt release to chamber a round if the bolt is locked to the rear. Return the non-firing hand to the handguard or vertical hand grip. Continue to engage the enemy.