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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Section I. GENERAL

1-1. Scope

This manual contains instructions for organizational, direct support and general support maintenance maintaining the 7.62-mm Machine Guns, M73, M73A1, and M219 as allocated by the Maintenance Allocation Chart (appendix B).

NOTE

The model designation for the 7.62-mm Machine Gun M73E1 was changed to M73A1 and later changed to M219. All M73, M73E1 and M73A1 models will be changed at time of overhaul to the M219 configuration.

NOTE

Where the term "machine gun" is used, all information is applicable to all models. Where information is peculiar to only one model, the model designation, usable on code, etc., will be used for clarification.

1-2. Forms and Records

Maintenance forms, records, and reports which are to be used by maintenance personnel at all

maintenance levels are listed in and prescribed by TM 38-750.

1-3. Equipment Serviceability Criteria

The 7.62-MM Machine Guns M73, M73A1, M219 are used as mounted (fixed) vehicular guns. Equipment serviceability criteria (ESC) for the machine guns are found in the various vehicle ESC manuals, as the guns relate to the overall criteria for the vehicle.

1-4. Destruction of Army Materiel to Prevent Enemy Use

Refer to TM 750-244-7.

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Section II. DESCRIPTION AND DATA

1-6. Description

The 7.62-mm Machine Guns M73, M73A1, and M219 (figure 1-1) are lightweight, air-cooled, metallic link belt fed from either right or left side, designed as a coaxial gun for tanks and 7.62-mm fire power on lighter armored vehicles. All have short receivers, are recoil operated with a gas assist to boost recoil and are designed with a quick

change barrel with fixed headspace. The cycle of operation and functioning is initiated from the retracted (seared) position of the barrel extension assembly. These machine guns can be easily disassembled. Major groups and assemblies are illustrated in figure C-1 and briefly described in table 1-1.