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DEBRIS TESTING - TLW0010AL THROUGH TLW0010AN

TLW0010AL - Dynamic Sand & Dust Test:

This test evaluates the effects of <u>blowing</u> sand and dust on firearm performance, but the test firing is conducted after the firearm is removed from the sand and dust environment. Use the same sand and dust mixture used in the Sand and Dust Test,

(See Table No. 1.)

Method:

- Clean and lubricate one test firearm and close the muzzle with tape.
- Close the bolt. Set the safety in the SAFE position. Load the firearm using one primed case.
- Expose the firearm as follows:
- Place the firearm in the center of the box, and fasten the box lid
- After 1 minute, stop the blowing air, remove the lid, and turn the firearm upside down in the box. Replace
 the lid and repeat the sand and dust blast for another minute.
- Remove the gun from the box after first attempting to wipe clean the firearm with gloved hands. Clean parts as much as possible by blowing the rifle with compressed or shaking the firearm. Carefully remove the tape from the muzzle. REMEMBER THAT THE RIFLE HAS A PRIMED CASE IN THE CHAMBER.
- Take the rifle to a test jack in the short range. (Note: if not shooting from the test box, remove the spent
 primed case from the chamber and replace with a live round.) Load the magazine with live rounds and fire a
 full magazine from the firearm while in the test jack.
- If firing is still unsatisfactory, attempt to fire with a clean magazine loaded with clean ammunition. If repeated malfunctions make it impossible to fire all of the ammunition, field strip and clean the firearm in accordance with the applicable operator's manual. Then attempt to fire the remaining ammunition. If repeated malfunctions make it impractical to fire the remaining ammunition, stop the test. Cycle the safety from fire to safe every 5 rounds.
- At every 5 round interval verify the firearm is not loaded.
- Close the tirearm as if to fire it and put the safety to the SAFE position
- Pull the trigger firmly (1000 maximum) firearm must not fire.

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