FN issues MANDATORY SAFETY RECALL of all FN M249S® rifles in both standard and PARA configurations. A recently identified design issue within the hammer group of the rifle may adversely affect the rifle’s reliability. Under certain circumstances, a reset failure within the hammer group may cause the FN M249S to cease to function causing an unsafe firing event. To correct this condition and restore consistent, proper and safe operation of the firearm, it is necessary to replace the hammer group.

FN is instructing customers to discontinue use of these rifles immediately and return affected products to FN directly for installation of a new hammer group, at no cost.

Product Name: FN M249S
Model Name(s): FN M249S Standard, FN M249S PARA
Product Numbers: 56460, 56501, 56509, 56502, 56435 (Limited Edition)
Color(s): Black, Flat Dark Earth (FDE)

Not all FN M249S serial numbers are affected by this recall. Therefore, FN M249S owners are asked to please visit the FN M249S Safety Recall webpage and input their serial number. If the firearm is affected, further instruction on returning the FN M249S for service will be provided.

Note: Please do not ship any affected product to FN until a FedEx label has been generated and sent to you. If the firearm is not affected, a message stating such will be displayed. In the event that customers state that their FN M249S Standard or PARA has a hammer group that has been replaced, FN is deeply committed to providing customers with the safest, most reliable firearms possible. As such, it is imperative that all recalled product is returned back as soon as possible. Patience and cooperation are appreciated as we review, inspect and service these firearms. We will make every effort to return the product back to customers within 30 days of receipt.

For questions about the recall or assistance in returning a firearm, contact the FN M249S Recall Support team at 1-800-635-1321, extension 145, or by email at M249Srecall@fnamerica.com. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

FN M249S® Recall FAQs

Q: Why is there a recall on certain FN M249S rifles?
A: There is a recall on certain FN M249S semi-automatic, belt-fed rifles due to a change in design within the hammer group.

Q: What is the unsafe firing event?

Q: How do I know if my FN M249S is affected?

Q: How do I get a box for shipping?

Q: How long will it take to get my FN M249S back?

Q: What is the cost of this recall?

Q: What if I choose not to send in my FN M249S for the recall?

Click here to see if your M249S® is affected
You will need to enter your 11 digit serial number. To locate serial number please see figure below.