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This manual provides technical information, training techniques, and guidance on the caliber .50 HB machine gun, M2. Unit leaders and designated gunners will use this information to successfully integrate the weapon into combat operations. They can instruct on the range or at concurrent training stations.

The material applies as is to both nuclear and conventional warfare.

Trainers must ensure that everyone observes safety procedures at all times. Commanders, trainers, and individual students must remember that safety is everyone's responsibility. Leaders will conduct all training as though each weapon were fully loaded. At no time during training will anyone allow the desire for speed or accuracy to override the requirement to follow safety procedures. Safe training is good training.

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