
PREFACE

This publication serves as the doctrinal reference for the employment of mortar squads, sections, and platoons. It contains guidance on tactics, techniques, and procedures that mortar sections and platoons use to execute their part of the combat operations described in battalion-, squadron-, troop-, and company-level field manuals. This publication also contains guidance on how the mortar unit's fires and displacement are best planned and employed to sustain the commander's intent for fire support.

The target audience of this publication includes mortar squad, section, and platoon leaders, company and battalion commanders, battalion staff officers, and all others responsible for controlling and coordinating fire support during mounted or dismounted combined arms operations. This manual is also for use by training developers as a source document for the combat critical tasks and missions of mortar sections and platoons. Combat developers must use this manual as a source document when refining and revising operational concepts for infantry and cavalry mortar organizations. This publication serves as the primary reference for both resident and nonresident mortar tactical employment instruction presented to cadets, officer candidates, and both commissioned and noncommissioned officers.

This publication is not intended to be used alone. It is part of a set of doctrinal and training publications that together provide the depth and detail necessary to train and employ mortar units. Users must be familiar with the appropriate company-level and battalion-level maneuver manuals, FM 23-90 and FM 23-91, as well as mission-training plans and drill manuals for mortars.

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