

# M8 MISSION CRITICAL SMOKE SIGNAL DEVICE

## A DO-IT-YOURSELF KIT Rev 1.7



### Mixture Filling & Assembly Instructions



### Video Instructions On YouTube

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# M8 Mission Critical Additional Items

## Items you will need



Coffee Grinder



Pocket scale



Metal Spoon  
or spatula



Fuse  
Optional



Paraffin Wax  
Pellets



Red Loctite  
271



Single burner  
Cooktop



Small 5-6" pot



Potassium  
Nitrate  
(Technical Grade)



Sugar

Small pistol primers are also needed. CCI or Remington Match Grade.

# ! SAFETY FIRST

It is highly recommended to use a respirator when handling potassium nitrate. Over exposure may lead to respiratory issues.



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# M8 Mission Critical Kit Components

Kit will contain 4X  
cans of a single  
type



M8 Mini MC 4X



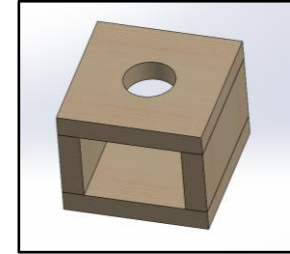
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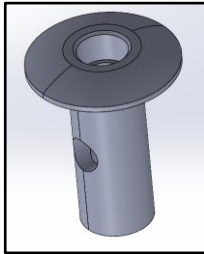
M8 2.0 MC 4X



M8 Max MC 4X



M8 Mini Filling  
Fixture



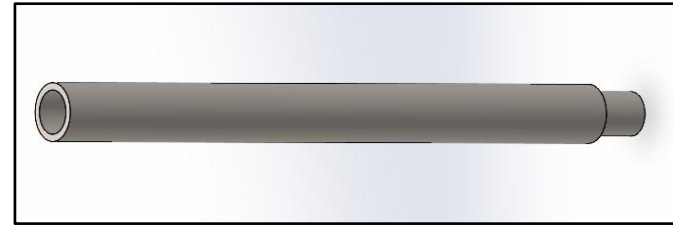
Primer Insert 4X



Silicone Plug 1X



Clear Mixing cup  
4X



Steel Core Rod  
1X



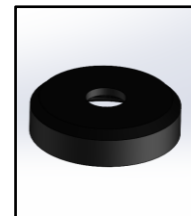
1g Super Glue  
4X



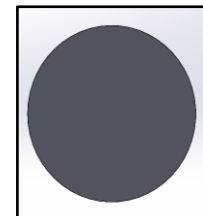
Alcohol Swabs  
4X



Funnel 1X



Can Cap 1X  
Appearance may  
vary.



Vinyl Sticker 4X

# M8 Mission Critical Mixture

**This mixture to be used  
by Certified  
Pyrotechnicians only**  
Other smoke mixtures can  
be substituted.

Items you will need in this section



Pocket  
scale



Metal  
Spoon



Non-Scented  
Candles



Potassium  
Nitrate  
(Fireworks Grade)



Sugar



Clear Mixing cup

1

Place a cup on the scale and hit tare. This will zero out the scale, so the measurement is accurate.

2

Using the spoon, place **60 grams of potassium nitrate** into the cup. Do a little at a time to reach 60 grams. Set this cup aside.

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With a new cup on the scale, using the spoon, place **30-45 grams of sugar** into the cup. Do a little at a time to reach the desired amount. Set this cup aside

**More sugar produces a faster/hotter burn**

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Put **40-50 grams of wax** into the cup and set aside.

**Start with 40 grams of wax. The composition when mixed with the other ingredients should resemble a slushy. You can add more wax while mixing.**

**Try to stay within +/- .5 - .8 grams. Any extreme deviation from the above amounts will result in an undesired result.**

**1X mixture for M8 Mini**

**2X mixture for M8**

**3X mixture for M8 2.0**

**4X mixture for M8 Max**

## Items you will need in this section



Coffee  
Grinder



Single burner  
Cooktop



Small 5-6" pot

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Take your potassium nitrate and sugar and combine them in the coffee grinder. Mix for 1-2 minutes while tapping the sides, shaking it, turning it upside down, ensuring the mixture is even. These grinders are good, but a lot of the powder falls below the blade. When this is complete place the mixture into an empty cup and set aside.

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Plug in your cook top with the pot on the burner and set to the lowest setting. Dump your wax into the pot and melt. Stir with a metal spoon so all the chunks melt faster.

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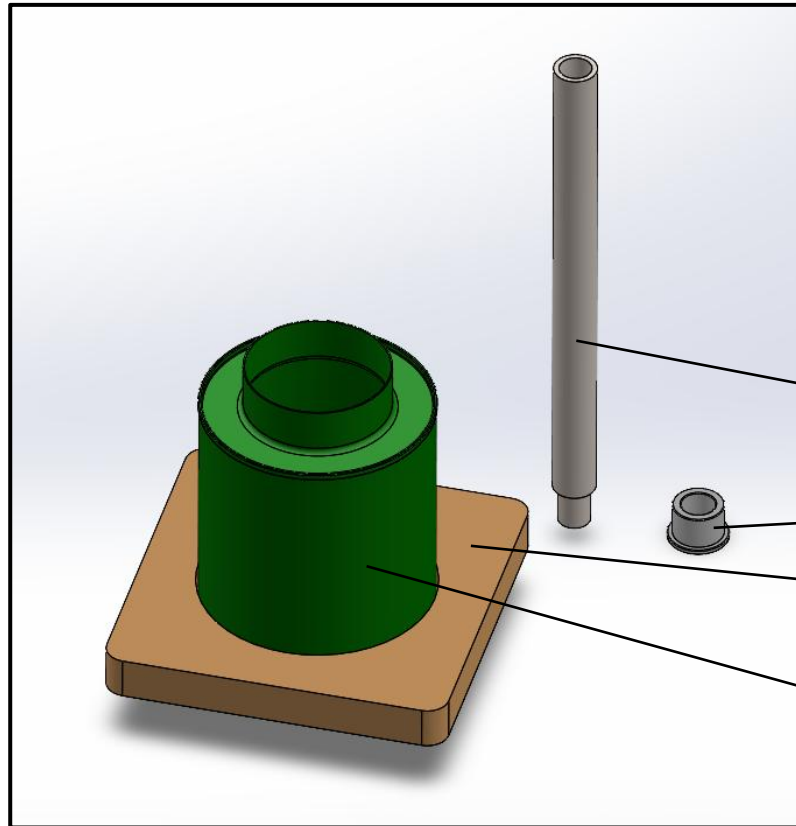
When the wax is completely melted, dump your potassium nitrate and sugar mix into the wax. Using the metal spoon stir the mixture until the combined powder is fully coated. This mixture we **DO NOT** want to caramelize like other recipes so you may have to turn off your heat to prevent this. Stir until smooth.

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Once the combined mixture of potassium nitrate and sugar is coated with melted wax, the mixture should form a slurry or a smooth wet paste. Turn your burner low and let sit while you prepare for pouring. Turn the burner on again to keep warm if you need to.



# M8 Mission Critical Filling



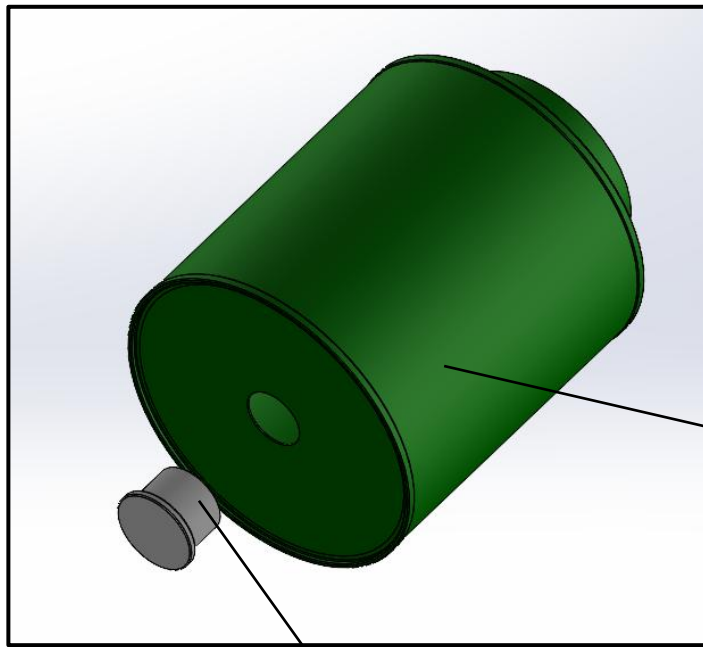
Each kit comes with one wooden fixture to hold the can in place during mixture filling. The kit also includes a silicone plug and steel core rod.

Steel Core Rod

Silicone Plug

Wood Fixture

Can (Smoke Device body)



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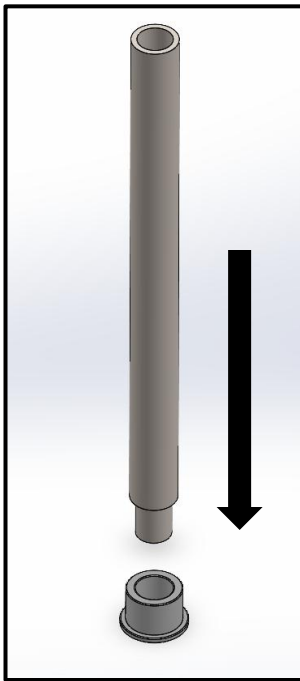
Install the Silicone plug in the bottom end of the can. Make sure the plug is seated all the way in to ensure a good seal.



Can (Smoke Device body)

Plug





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Place the small end of the steel core rod into the inside of the expansion plug. Place the funnel on top of the opening of the can. Pour the smoke mixture into the funnel and push down, if necessary, with a spoon.

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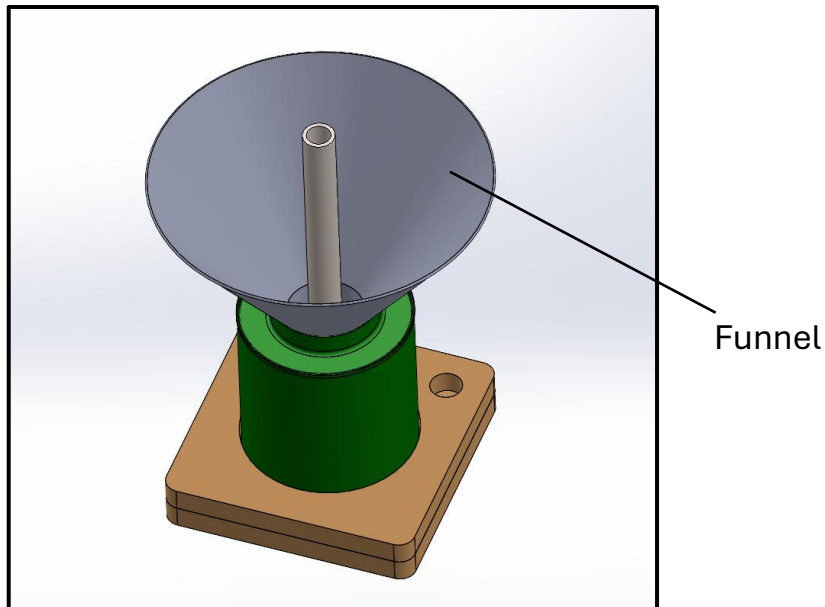
Remove the funnel.

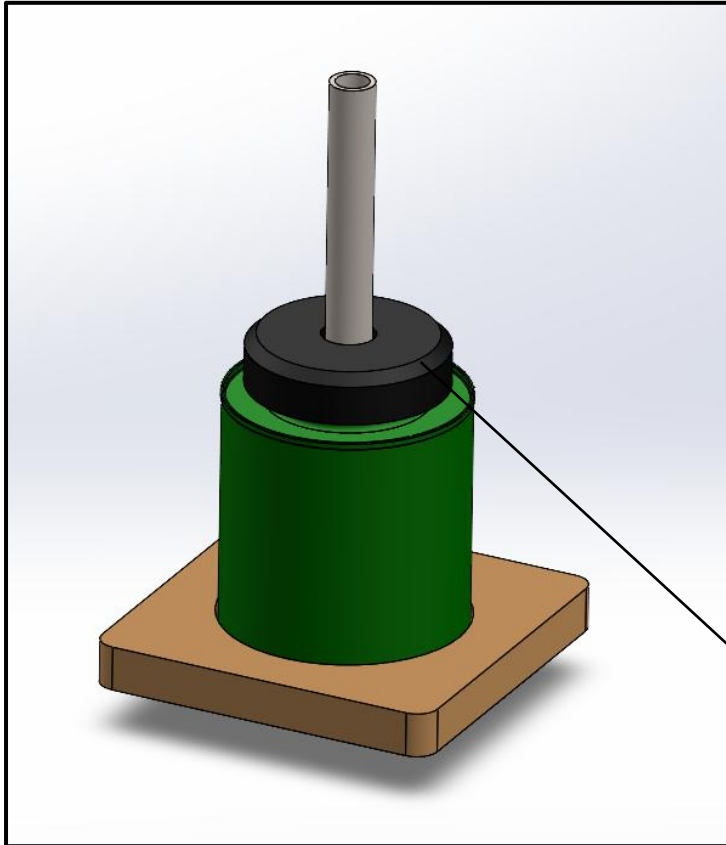
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Keeping the can held down flat, jog the fixture back and forth to get the hot mixture to level out.

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Make new mixture of potassium nitrate, sugar and wax. Repeat steps 1-13.





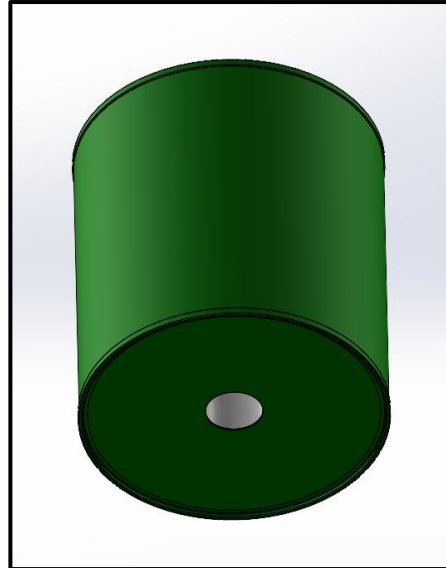
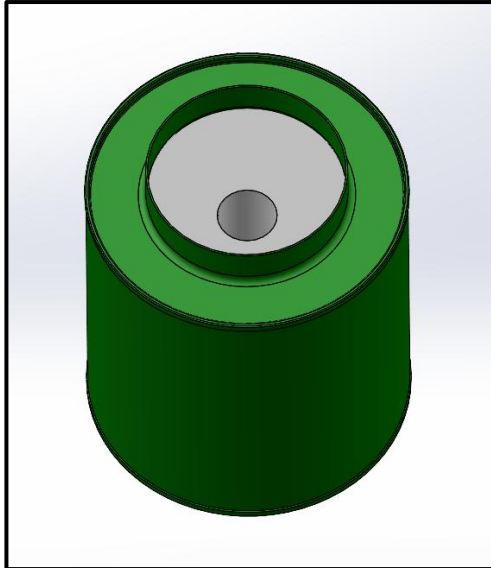
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Install the plastic can cap with the steel core rod still inside. The cap will help keep the steel core rod centered.

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Place in freezer for 45min to 60min. Air cooling can be done but cooling times may vary.

Can Cap



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When the mixture has completely cooled, remove the steel core rod, the expansion plug and can cap. If the steel core rod is stuck, use a heat gun and let the heat transfer from the top of the steel core rod down to the bottom. Do not aim the heat towards the mixture inside the can. Vise Grip plyers can be used but it will damage the metal. Do not put the damaged end inside the can when you make more.

Repeat the whole process for the other cans provided in the kit.

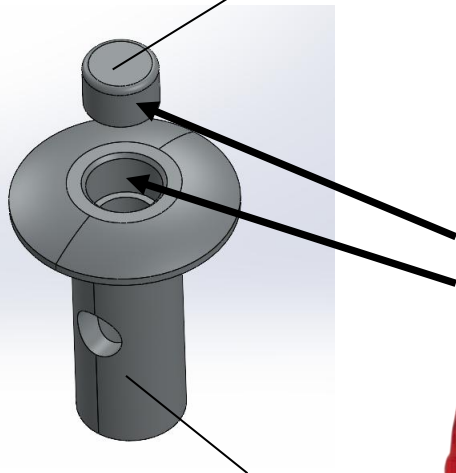
The mixture when cooled is ready to use.

# M8 Mission Critical Primer Insert Installation



Wear safety glasses during this operation from accidental primer strike

Small Pistol Primer



Primer Insert



The kit contains 4X Primer Inserts. Small pistol primers will have to be bought from your own supplier. **It is highly recommended to purchase the NFE Tactical Primer Press for this operation.** Other methods may be used but is not advised.

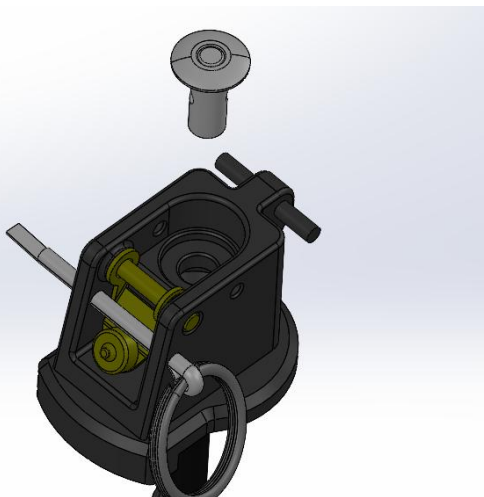
**Only use new pistol primers like CCI or Remington Match Grade. Failure to do so may result in failure to ignite**

**Put a light bead of Red Loctite around the primer or the hole of the primer insert and press the primer flush with the top of the primer insert.**

**The next two pages covers the use of the Primer Press**



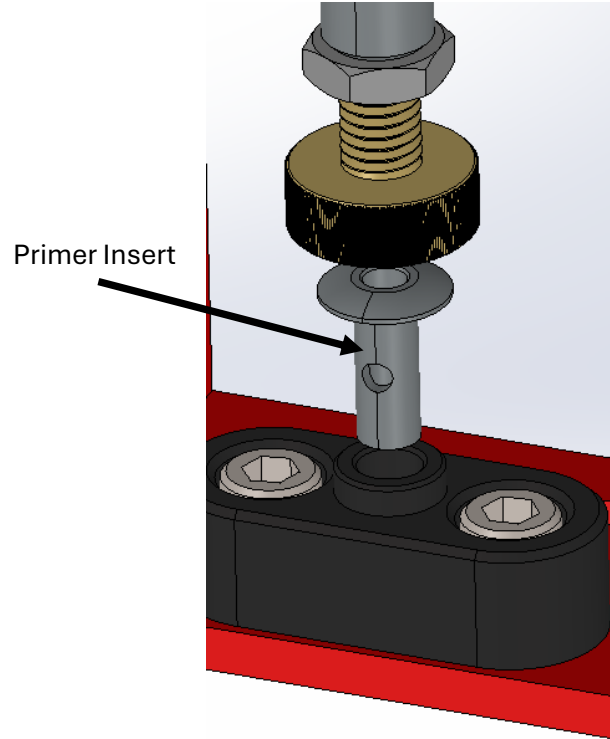
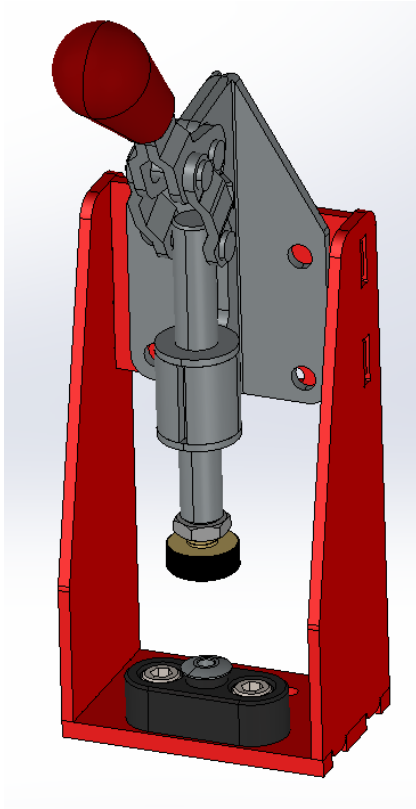
**WAIT A FULL 24 HOURS FOR THE LOCTITE TO CURE BEFORE USING**



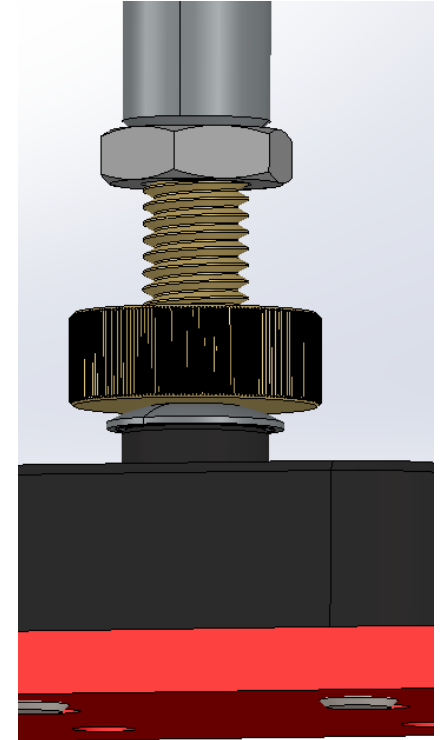
Pull back the spring loaded striker and insert the striker safety pin. Once the striker is retained, install the primer insert assembly into the head. Make sure the primer insert slides over the fuse. You may use silicone to retain it into the head.

# M8 Mission Critical Primer Press

Exclusively designed for the M8 Mission Critical



Place the Primer Insert into the die.



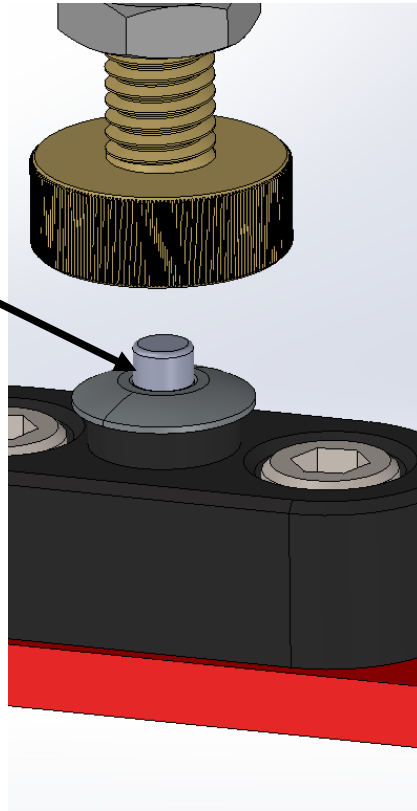
Adjust the punch tip to bottom out on top of the primer insert. The red lever should be all the way down with no further travel

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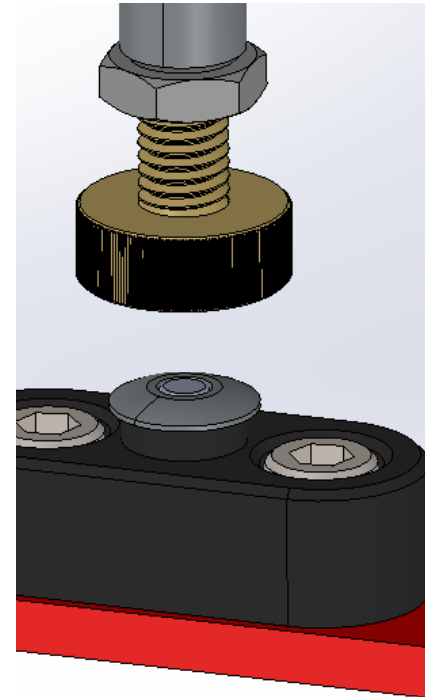
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You may opt out of using Loctite but the primer may pop out during ignition at a high velocity.

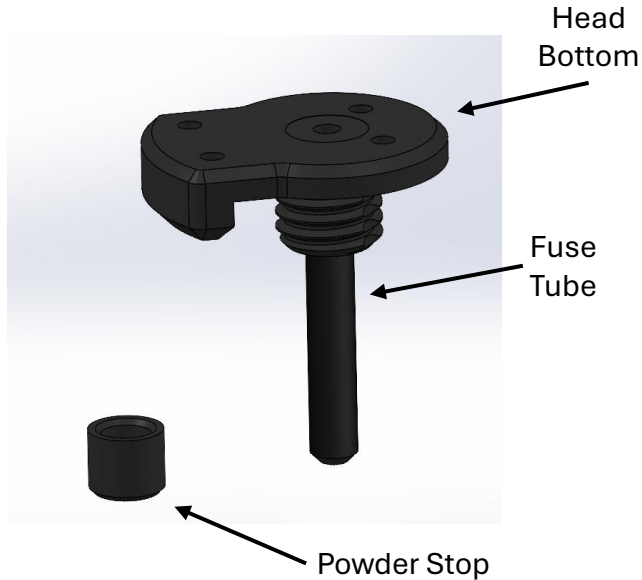


Put red Loctite on the primer  
And place on top of the hole  
of the Primer Insert. Wipe away  
excess Loctite inside the hole  
after pressing the primer.

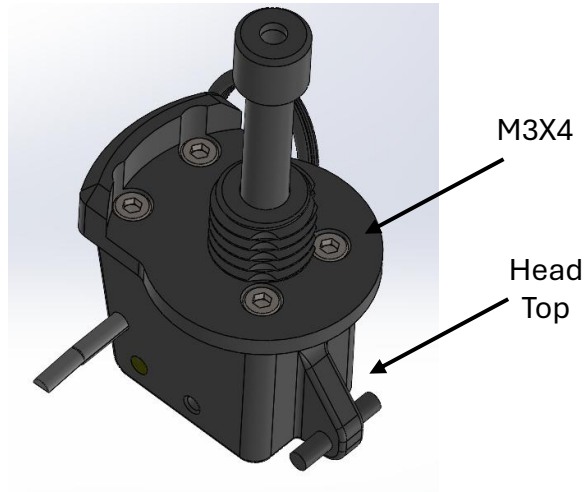


Press the primer into Primer Insert  
until the press has no more travel.  
This will set the primer to the correct  
depth and not put excessive force  
on the primer

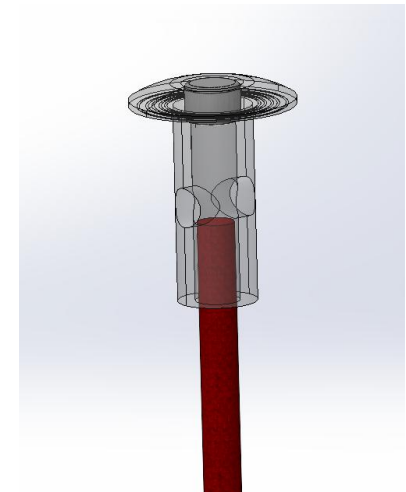
# M8 Mission Critical Disposable Head Assembly



**Step 1** – Insert the fuse tube into the head bottom. Glue the powder stop to the bottom of the fuse tube.



**Step 2** – Use the supplied M3 screws to secure the head bottom with the head top.

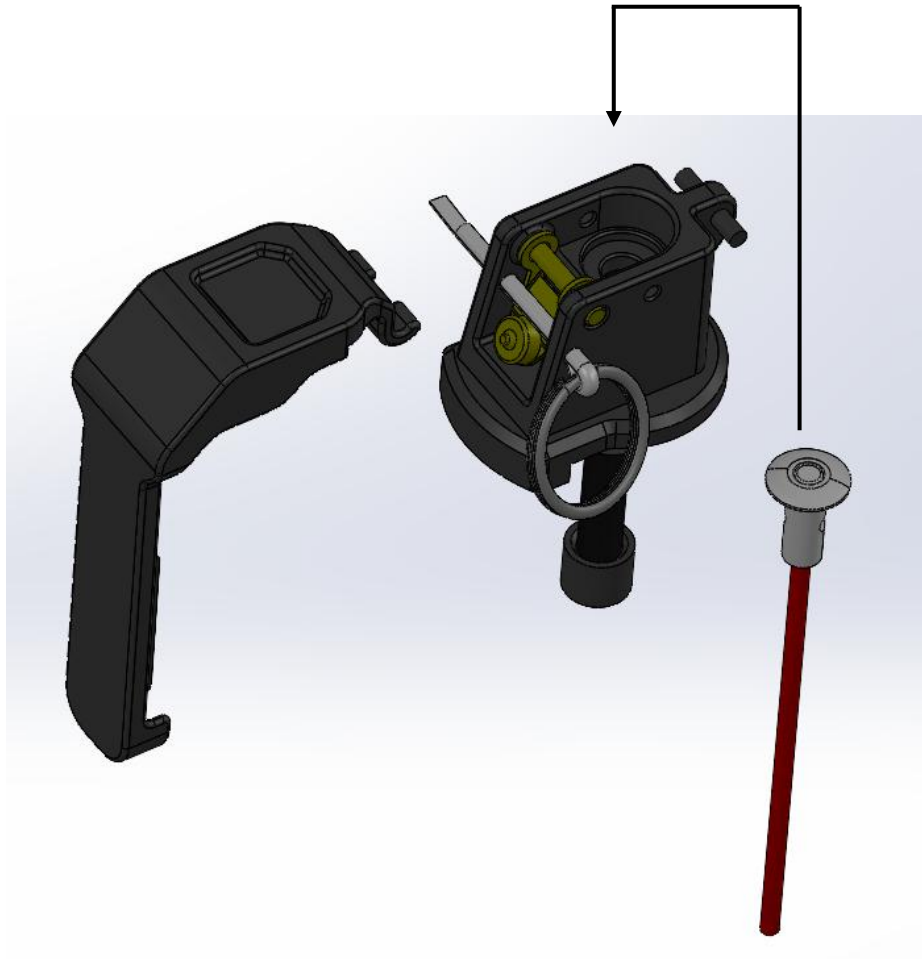


**Step 3** – With your choice of delay safety fuse, crimp the bottom of the primer insert onto the fuse. The tip of the fuse should be positioned at the bottom of the vent holes.



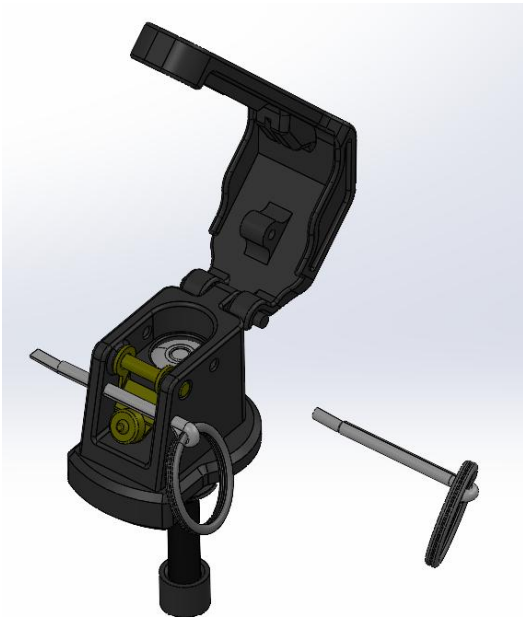
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## Head Assembly

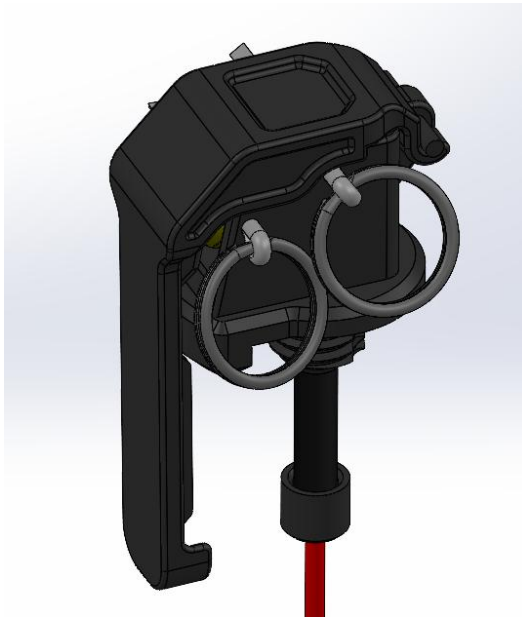


**Step 5** – Insert the primer insert and fuse tube into the head. You can use a small amount of silicone or super glue to attach it into the head.

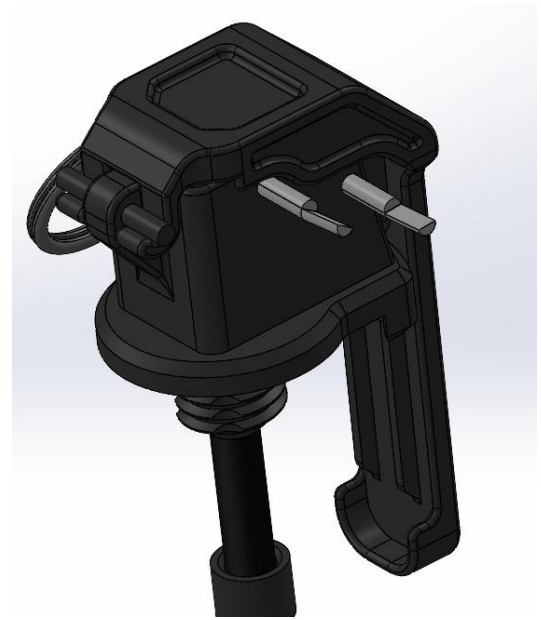
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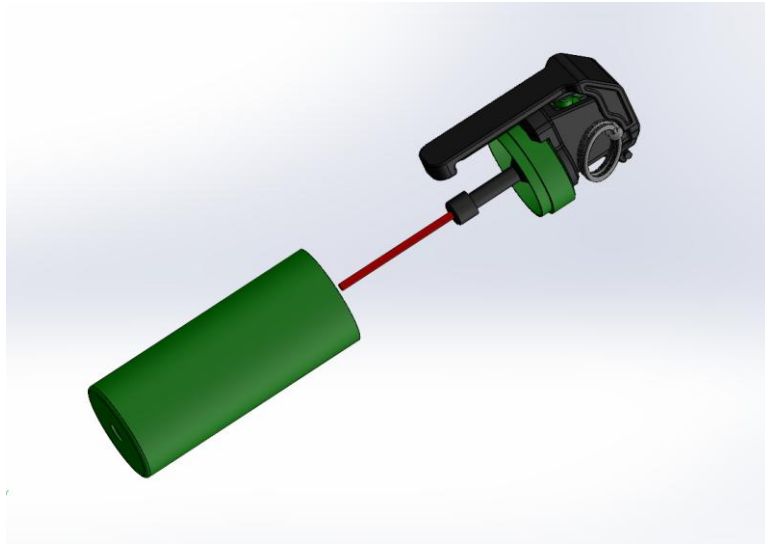
Hook the spoon under the pin in the front of the head assembly. Rotate the spoon downwards.



Insert the pin through the hole on the side of the head assembly and through the hole on the spoon.

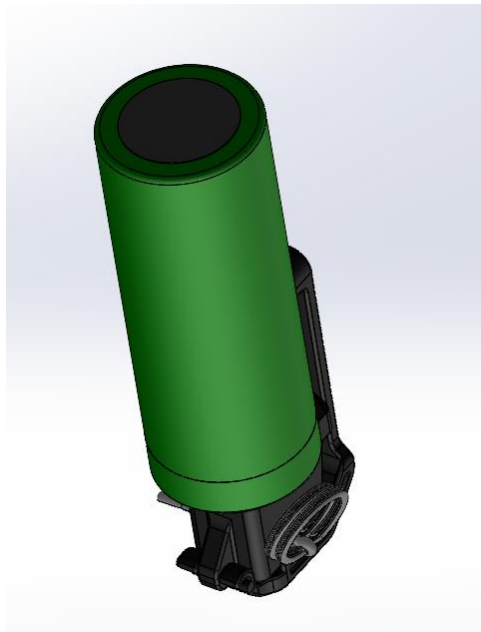


Using needle nose pliers, bend the longer section of the pin downward on a 45 degree angle.



Reinstall the head onto the can

**NOTE:** For the M8 2.0 and M8 Mini cans, use a small dab of anti seize on the threads to prevent lock up.



Make a mix of 75% Potassium Nitrate and 25% sugar. Loosely fill through the hole in the bottom of the can. Brush away excess mixture, wipe with alcohol wipe and place supplied sticker on the bottom.

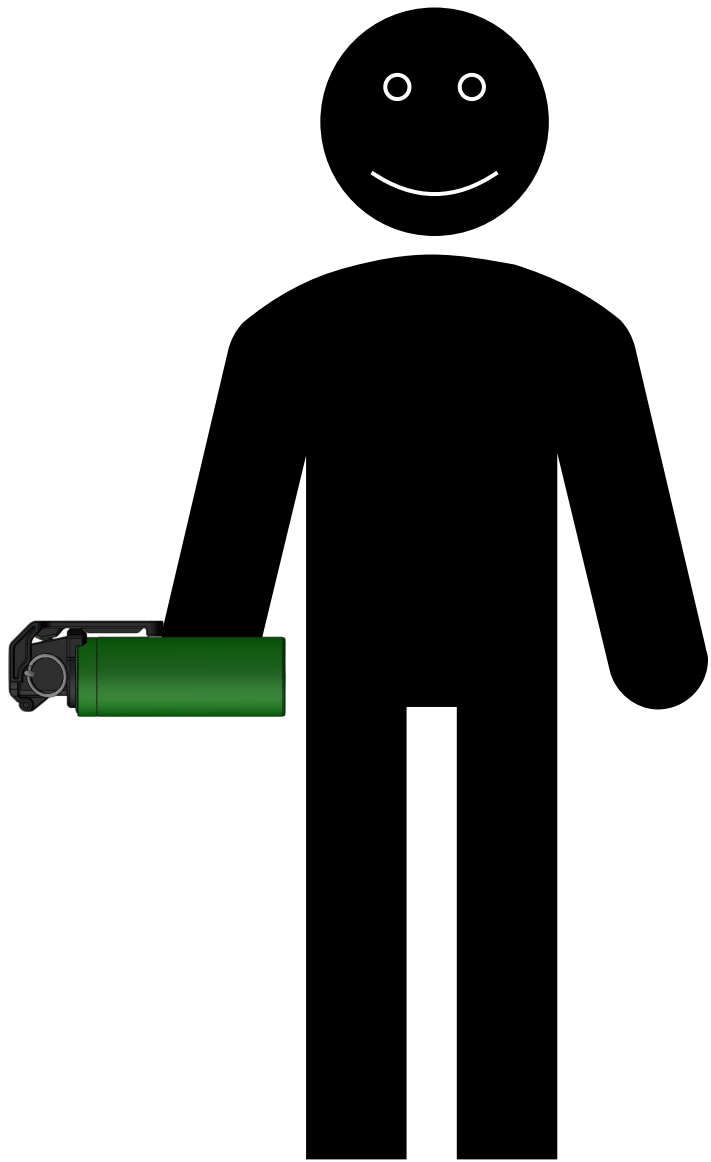


# SAFETY FIRST



Using primers as a stage one ignition source has a success rate of 99.997%. A primer uses a small “explosive” charge to set off a secondary ignition. Using a primer as an ignition source although reliable has its safety drawbacks. The primer could have potential to injure from spall. Always wear safety glasses and proper PPE when using NFE Tactical Products.

Mechanics gloves and Safety glasses are highly recommended when using



**ALWAYS HOLD THE HEAD AWAY FROM YOUR BODY WHEN THROWING**



**Homemade smoke devices must be used the day of construction or it becomes a regulated explosive and you must abide by all requirements from the ATF.**

**Before you pull the pin, some safety needs to be considered.**

- Always hold the smoke device with the top and bottom facing away from you.
- Never point it at anyone and do not have it on an angle towards yourself.
- Hold the spoon of smoke device with your arm extended with your dominant hand.
- Pull the keyring with your opposite hand.
- Immediately throw the smoke device to a safe distance.
- The reaction of the mixture is hot. Do not throw it any area that can catch fire, or you don't want burned.
- Wait 20 minutes before picking up spent smoke device
- Have fun!