Installing A Flash Hider or Muzzle Brake

Most flash hiders and muzzle brakes install in the same basic manner. They may use different types of devices to lock them in place like a peel washer, crush washer or a second nut that tightens against the back of the device, but this segment will demonstrate the basic principal. Remember to read and follow the manufacturer's directions.

We are going to install an A2 flash hider with a crush washer, the tools that you'll need are the upper receiver vise block with insert, a barrel wrench and a breaker bar.

1. Place your barreled upper receiver into the vise block and install the insert and tighten everything in the vise.

2. Place your crush washer onto the end of the barrel with the cupped face pointing towards the muzzle and thread the flash hider on until hand tight.

3. Take a look at how the flash hider lines up. You want the closed off portion to face the ground. Use your barrel wrench to tighten the flash hider down at least 90 degrees and no more than 460 degrees to crush the washer and lock the flash hider to the muzzle. There is no minimum torque setting for the crush washer.

Once you're done aligning the flash hider you've completed the assembly of the barrel.