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HELP US HELP SOLDIERS!

UH-OH, LUCY!
GOT ANOTHER
BUNCH OF
MESSAGES FROM
THE FIELD ABOUT
THOSE TERMINAL
DIODES.

I WISH THERE
WAS A WAY TO
LET EVERYONE
KNOW HOW TO
ORDER 'EM
UNTIL THE TM
GETS UPDATED.

HMMM. WHAT ABOUT SENDING THE INFO TO PS MAGAZINE, SID? SEEMS TO ME THEY ALREADY HAVE THE PERFECT AUDIENCE.

Like most of the Army, *PS* has been hit by budget cuts. Unfortunately, that has limited our TDY trips and hampered how we've researched articles for more than 63 years. Visiting units was how we kept up-to-date on equipment problems.

Now we need to "think outside the TDY box" to keep articles flowing. To do that, we invite Soldiers, DACs and Army contractors to continue sending in their great ideas. But we also want to nudge the go-to folks who help answer many of our readers' questions.

Are you a subject matter expert on specific Army equipment or systems, in charge of an official publication, or perhaps an item manager who knows the quirks, repair or supply issues that come with a particular item?

Could the frequently asked questions you get from the field be reduced by publishing that information in *PS Magazine*, an official technical bulletin that reaches thousands of Soldiers worldwide? If so, send us your ideas and we'll take it from there. Knowledge is power, so help us keep our Army strong. **HOOAH!**

Send your article ideas to: usarmy.redstone.logsa.mbx.psmag@mail.mil

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AS WINTER REALLY BEGINS TO TAKE HOLD... ...PM BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!

t helps to keep your vehicle running when you use your TMs. Other stories include ordering M88 track, caring for Bradley Busk batteries, reporting on M1 tank mine clearing equipment, and a new M113 TM has been released.

Combat Vehicles...

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I KNOW I'VE DONE PMCS ON YOU A HUNDRED TIMES...

...BUT I
CAN **NEVER**REMEMBER ALL
THE STEPS!

ANP I'VE TOLD
YOU A HUNDRED
TIMES...
...YOU NEED
TO HAVE A
COMPLETE
TM!

Dear Editor,

A lot of units have been showing up at the National Training Center at Ft Irwin without complete operator TMs for their vehicles. Sometimes they don't even have a TM at all!

It seems many Soldiers believe TMs are only available in digital format. Many have spent their own funds getting manuals printed at local print shops. Because that's so expensive, they often skimp by only printing out the PMCS portion of the TMs. That's not good enough because the entire TM is needed so operators can refer to safety and vehicle operation instructions.

Units can still order hard copies of most TMs at no cost by establishing a pubs account with the Army Publication Directorate (APD).

Set up the account by filling out and sending a DA Form 12-R, Request For Establishment of a Publications Account, by fax to the Account Processing Team at DSN 693-9620 or (314) 592-0920. You'll find instructions for setting up your pubs account at:

http://www.apd.army.mil/Orders/EstablishAccount.pdf

Derek McCrea TCM-ABCT Ft Benning, GA

Editor's note: Thanks for the reminder, Derek. Pubs clerks, once you have a pubs account, you can order TMs (and PS Magazine) for your unit through the Point and Click Ordering System at: https://dol.hqda.pentagon.mil/ptclick/index.aspx
Once there, click on Search and enter the info for the pub you want to order.

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M88-Series Recovery Vehicles...

ONE THE STOPS HOUTOUTEN

I HAVE A TRACK SHOE THAT'S GETTING KINDA WORN. I THINK I'M GONNA NEED A WHOLE NEW TRACK ASSEMBLY! A WHOLE TRACK? THAT SOUNDS KINDA EXPENSIVE!

YOU BET IT IS!
THAT'S WHY YOU
SHOULD ONLY REPLACE
SECTIONS OF TRACK
THAT ARE COMPLETELY
WORN OUT.

Dear Half-Mast,

Is there is an NSN for a full track assembly for the M88A1 and M88A2 recovery vehicles? It seems like it would be a lot easier to order a full track assembly instead of individual sections.

SSG A.J.

DON'T ORDER MORE TRACK SHOES THAN YOU ACTUALLY NEED!

INDIVIDUAL TRACK SHOES COME WITH NSN 2530-00-692-9316. THAT ALLOWS YOU TO ORDER ENOUGH SHOES TO REPLACE ONLY SECTIONS OF TRACK THAT REALLY NEED IT.

M2/M3 Series Bradley BUSK...

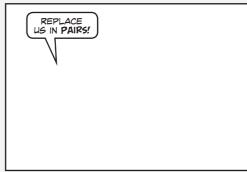
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, PAL? I DUNNO! I'M NOT GETTIN' MUCH CHARGE OUTTA LIFE THESE DAYS.

CHARGE UP BATTERY CARE

Grewmen and mechanics, you might have noticed that the Exide maintenance-free batteries, NSN 6150-01-582-5710, used in Bradleys with the Bradley Urban Survivability Kit (BUSK 3) modification can go bad in a hurry. Some units are ordering so many replacement batteries that the supply system's coming up short.

Check out these tips to extend battery life and save your unit lots of money:

1. Don't replace all eight batteries if one goes bad. At \$265 each, that adds up in a hurry! Instead, replace only the dead battery and the battery it's paired with. Test batteries with a battery analyzer. New batteries should have an open circuit voltage (OCV) of at least 12.80 volts direct current (VDC). The VDC should be at least 12.60 for batteries that have been charged before.



2. Before replacing a bad battery or battery pair, try recharging. Use the battery charger, NSN 6130-01-500-3401, specified in TM 9-2350-403-13&P and TB 9-2350-395-13&P. It's part of the standard automotive tool set (SATS). Batteries should be on the charger at least four hours before determining if they should be replaced.

- 3. Partially-charged batteries that sit around for extended periods of time won't last as long. So keep 'em charged up. Just don't try to charge the batteries with another vehicle by using the NATO slave receptacle. That won't work with the Bradley's complex electrical distribution system.
- 4. If you're going to charge batteries on board by running the engine, first check each battery's OCV to estimate its state of charge (SOC).

THIS TABLE
SHOWS THE
ESTIMATED
ENGINE
RUN TIME
TO FULLY
CHARGE
BATTERIES...

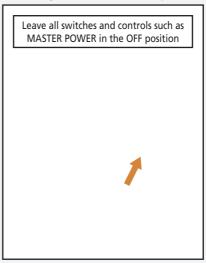
Don't use slave cables to charge batteries

Single battery (CDC)	Battery pair (VDC)	SOC (percent)	Approximate charging time (hours)
12.80	25.60	100	No charge needed
12.60	25.20	75	0.9
12.30	24.60	50	1.9
12.00	24.00	25	2.9
11.00	22.00	0	4.0

- **5.** If batteries fall below 12.60 VDC, remove them from the vehicle and put them on a charger for 24 to 48 hours. Don't attempt to charge more than eight batteries at a time on the same charger.
- **6.** If a charging attempt fails after 48 hours, tag the battery and turn it in to the Brigade Battery Maintenance Management Program (BMMP). Note on the tag how many hours the battery was left on the charger. If the batteries were new, be sure to also submit an SF 368, *Product Quality Deficiency Report (PQDR)*. The best way to submit an SF 368 is online at: https://www.pdrep.csd.disa.mil

Click on EZ PDR Login and follow the steps.

YOU SURE DO LOOK BETTER THESE DAYS! Remember, you can avoid a lot of battery problems by always shutting down your vehicle like it says in the -10 TM. Leaving the MASTER or TURRET POWER switches in the ON position at shutdown or not powering down the AFES properly before long-term storage can drain the batteries. Leave all switches and controls in the OFF position before securing the vehicle.



For long-term storage, follow TM procedures for AFES power down to preserve batteries

For more details on caring for your vehicle's batteries, check out TACOM maintenance information message 14-044 on the TACOM-Unique Logistics Support Applications (TULSA) website:

https://tulsa.tacom.army.mil/Maintenance/message.cfm?id=MI14-044.html You'll need your CAC and first-time users must first request access.

Questions? Contact TACOM's Barry Tabron at DSN 786-2650, 586-282-2650 or email: barry.l.tabron.civ@mail.mil

IT'S AMAZING WHAT A LITTLE BATTERY PM WILL DO FOR A GUY!



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M1-Series Tanks...



HEY, MY MINE
BLADE WASN'T PUT
ON THE READINESS
REPORT THIS MONTH.
HOW 'BOUT YOU?

NOPE, THEY LEFT MY MINE ROLLER OFF AGAIN!



Goading your unit's mine clearing blades, rollers and roller mounting kits into SAMS-E and listing them on your unit's monthly Army Material Status System (AMSS) report is required by AR 700-138, Army Logistics Readiness and Sustainability.

It's vital information for the Army to have so it knows the readiness of that equipment.

Mine clearing blades, rollers and roller mounting kits should be included in the table of reportable items the next time AR 700-138 is updated. But the Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA) puts out an updated list twice a year on LIW.

Here's how to get the list

- 1. Login to LIW: https://liw.logsa.army.mil/
- 2. At the bottom of the page, click on App Warehouse.
- 3. Scroll down to the
 LIW RSRCS app and click on
 Go to Application.
- Scroll down and click on Maintenance Master Data File.

to download and print:

- **5.** Click on <u>Download the...</u> MMDF as a single file and/or Readiness Reportable Item Listing.
- 6. Click on the B1(date).xls file to access the current list of readiness reportable ground equipment (systems and standalone items). The file's date will change each time it's updated.

THE SYSTEMS ARE LISTED BY LIN IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. HERE ARE THE ITEMS YOU SHOULD BE REPORTING, ALONG WITH THEIR NSNS AND LINS...

Mine clearing blade 01-230-8862 B71632
Mine roller kit 01-134-3724 M71632
Mine roller 01-235-5458 M18157



GOOD NEWS!

I ORDERED

YOUR NEW

IETM TODAY!

THAT'S GREAT! BUT PON'T FORGET YOU'LL STILL NEED A HARD COPY OF MY -10 TM! Operator, maintenance and parts manuals for the M113A3 FOV have been combined in TM 9-2350-277-13&P (IETM EM 0321, Oct 14). The new IETM is available through the Army Publications Directorate (APD).

Set up an account by faxing a completed DA Form 12-R to APD's Account Processing Team at DSN 693-9620 or (314) 592-0920. Instructions for setting up an account are at:

http://www.apd.army.mil/Orders/EstablishAccount.pdf

Once your account is set up, order the IETM through the Point and Click Ordering System at:

https://doi.hgda.pentagon.mil/ptclick/index.aspx

To order, click <u>Search</u> and fill out the form on the next webpage.

Remember, even though the new IETM includes operator maintenance, you'll still need to keep a hard copy of TM 9-2350-277-10 (Mar 12) with your vehicle.

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PS TACTICAL VEHICLES

Read about FMTV security, HEMTT TMs, HEMTT clutch plate popping, FMTV trailer connections, and HMMWV transmissions.

FMTV...

Secure Your Truck by the Book

THERE! THAT OUGHTA DO IT. PUDE! SERIOUSLY!? THAT'S NOT HOW YOU SECURE YOUR TRUCK!

Privers, whenever you need to secure your FMTV, follow the guidance in your vehicle's -10 TM. Then you can install the chain and lock the correct way and avoid damaging the wiring harness and turn signal lever.

Chain goes around wheel spoke

The right way to secure your unit's -A0 and -A1 FMTVs starts on Page 2-162 of TM 9-2320-365-10 (Jun 98, w/Ch 2, Aug 05) for 5-tons and Page 2-240 of TM 9-2320-366-10-1 (Sep 98, w/Ch 2, Aug 05) for 2 1/2-tons. For the FMTVA1P2 LTAS, the guidance starts on Page 0019-24 of TM 9-2320-333-10-1.

For these trucks, the chain is routed around a steering wheel spoke and through the dash-mounted handhold, then locked.

and through dash handhold

If you loop the chain around the wheel and steering column, you can damage the wiring harness. And using the chain as a handhold when you get into the cab can damage the turn signal lever.

So make sure you install the chain and lock correctly. Then use the handholds to get in and out of the cab.

HEMTT Base/A1/A2/A4 Models...

TMS
KEEP EM
BULLING

YOUR HEMTT IS READY TO GO AS LONG AS YOU'VE GOT THE **RIGHT TMS**.

HERE ARE LISTS OF ALL THE TMS THAT SUPPORT THE HEMTT'S BASE, AI AND A2 MODELS...

HEMTT Base/A1

IETM	TM 9-2320-279-14&P (EM 0290)
Hand receipt	TM 9-2320-279-10-HR
M977 cargo	TM 9-2320-428-10
M978 tanker (w/ and w/out winch)	TM 9-2320-429-10
M983 tractor	TM 9-2320-430-10
M984A1 wrecker (Volumes 1 & 2)	TM 9-2320-431-10-1 TM 9-2320-431-10-2
M985 cargo (w/ and w/out winch)	TM 9-2320-432-10
M985 guided missile transport	TM 9-2320-433-10
M1120 load handling system	TM 9-2320-434-10
M1977 common bridge transporter	TM 9-2320-435-10

HEMTT A2

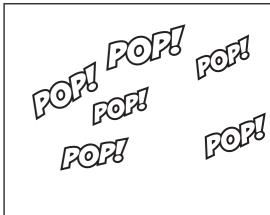
IETM	TM 9-2320-325-14&P (EM 0289)
Hand receipt	TM 9-2320-325-10-HR
M977A2 cargo	TM 9-2320-347-10
M978A2 tanker	TM 9-2320-348-10
M983A2 tractor	TM 9-2320-349-10
M983A2 light equipment transporter	TM 9-2320-420-10
M984A2 wrecker (Volumes 1 & 2)	TM 9-2320-421-10-1 TM 9-2320-421-10-2
M985A2 cargo (w/ and w/out winch)	TM 9-2320-422-10
M985A2 guided missile transport	TM 9-2320-423-10
M1120A2 load handling system	TM 9-2320-424-10
M1977A2 common bridge transporter	TM 9-2320-425-10

...AND THIS
LIST SHOWS
ALL THE
TMS THAT
SUPPORT THE
A4 MODEL
HEMTT.

HEMTT A4							
IETM	TM 9-2320-326-14&P (EM 0288)						
Hand receipt	TM 9-2320-326-10-HR						
M977A4 cargo (w/ and w/out winch)	TM 9-2320-338-10						
M978A4 tanker	TM 9-2320-339-10						
M983A4 tractor	TM 9-2320-340-10						
M983A4 light equipment transporter	TM 9-2320-341-10						
M984A4 wrecker (Volumes 1 & 2)	TM 9-2320-342-10-1 TM 9-2320-342-10-2						
M985A4 cargo (w/ and w/out winch)	TM 9-2320-343-10						
M985A4 guided missile transport	TM 9-2320-344-10						
M1120A4 load handling system	TM 9-2320-345-10						
M1977A4 common bridge transporter	TM 9-2320-346-10						







Have you noticed a loud popping noise coming from the rear of your HEMTT whenever you turn a corner? No, you didn't just run over a big roll of bubble wrap!

That noise is coming from the vehicle's rear axles. The outer wheels have to rotate faster than the inner wheels when making a turn. As torque builds up between the clutch plates in the differential, the plates "pop" to help release torque pressure.

So rest easy when you hear the pops. No harm, no foul.

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Give Bent Hooks the Hook

BLIMEY, CAP'N! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HOOK?

ARR...A SOLDIER TOOK IT, MATEY! SAID IT WAS JUST RIGHT FOR THE SAFETY CHAIN ON HIS TRAILER, HE DID.

Dear Editor,

Could you pass the word that the hooks on trailer safety chains should *never* be bent to fit the shackles on the back of FMTVs?

You had the word on Pages 10-11 of PS 721 (Dec 12) about using larger hooks and extensions for the chains. Unfortunately, we're still seeing bent hooks in the field.

> Cindy Heyden Equipment Specialist TACOM LCMC

Editor's Note: Can do, Ma'am! But first a little history: The FMTV manufacturer increased the size of the truck's tow shackles to meet new air transport and rail tie-down requirements. When this happened, the tow shackles fit the size and weight of the FMTV trailer, but not the smaller hook size of the lunette trailers that FMTVs sometimes tow. Instead of forcing a fit by bending the open hooks, follow these steps to ensure the right fit:

- 1. Cut the existing chain five inches from the frame.
- 2. Discard the old hook and excess chain.
- **3.** Attach a new chain assembly, NSN 4010-01-169-6995, to the existing chain using the connecting link that's attached to the end of the assembly.
- **4.** Cross the safety chain under the trailer tongue. Then pull the end of the chain and eye or clevis end of the hook toward each other.



And here are a few special reminders:

When attaching to a truck that has no extended pintle, you'll need to shorten the trailer safety chains so they don't drag or get caught on brush or commo wire. Try using zip ties or bungee cord to take up the extra slack.

If you have an M105A3, M101A2/A3, or a lunette trailer with a surge brake device, you must adjust the length of the breakaway cable/chain. Make it a bit shorter than the safety chains. Then if the trailer disconnects from the tow pintle, the breakaway cable/chain will fully actuate the trailer brakes before the slack in the safety chains is taken up.

Consider this the latest and greatest guidance.



New HIMARS Cab Sling

The M142 HIMARS has a new increased crew protection (ICP) cab web sling for lifting the cab off the truck. NSN 3940-01-630-8470 (PN 5000-1174) replaces the old sling, NSN 3940-00-276-9165 (PN FDC-8514-2). The new sling will be added to the AAL at the next revision of TM 9-2300-310-14&P in IETM EM 0258. A new safety latch kit, NSN 4030-01-630-7855 (PN 4000-306), for the new sling will be added, too.

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HMMWV3...

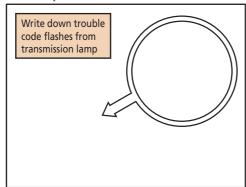
I'M NOT FEELIN' SO GOOD. CAN'T YOU TROUBLE-SHOOT MY TRANS-MISSION? I'LL TRY... BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK EASY! TROUBLESHOOTING
THE 4L80E TRANSMISSION ISN'T SO BAD
IF YOU KNOW WHAT
TO LOOK FOR!

Wechanics, if you're confused by all those codes when it's time to troubleshoot the 4L80E electronic transmission in a HMMWV, read on. We've got a few tips that'll cut through the confusion and save you a lot of troubleshooting time.

Before You Start

Before you get started, remember these tips:

Write down the trouble codes from the vehicle's transmission control module (TCM) as they flash over the transmission lamp located next to the shift lever. Remember, codes 12 and 63 will always appear and should be disregarded. Next, clear the codes and road test the vehicle. Then check to see which trouble codes still show up. That eliminates false codes and saves troubleshooting time.



- Check all transmission sensor connections. Most problems are caused by loose or corroded wiring connections. After checking the connections, clear the trouble codes and road test the vehicle to see if that clears up the trouble.
- When multiple codes are reported by the computer, always troubleshoot the lowest code first and then work your way up. The higher-numbered codes are sometimes the result of the lower-numbered codes. So if you fix the lower codes first, you'll often find some of the higher codes will disappear.

Before Changing the Transmission

BEFORE YOU GO
TO THE EFFORT OF
CHANGING OUT AN
"INOPERABLE" 4L80E
TRANSMISSION, PO
THE FOLLOWING...

 Make sure you have all of the proper diagnostic test equipment needed. That includes a multimeter, the throttle positioning sensor (TPS) block gauge, NSN 4820-01-179-4869, and the special purpose tool kit, NSN 5180-01-410-8467. This kit includes the following:

includes the following:						
Item	NSN					
Diagnostic switch cable	6150-01-410-8215					
TPS cable	6150-01-412-7774					
Seal installer*	5120-01-414-1849					
Seal installer*	5120-01-437-0480					
Drive handle*	5120-01-026-1666					

*These items are not required for diagnostic testing.

Get special tools for testing

Diagnostic switch cable

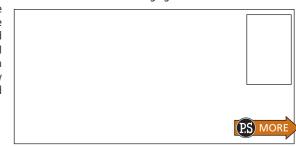
Multimeter

TPS test

TPS block gauge

- If you've never worked with this type of transmission, consult with your maintenance supervisor or TACOM LAR to get the help you need.
- If the truck's batteries have been serviced or replaced, it's important to properly reconnect the two power wires for the transmission control module (TCM). Do it wrong and the TCM gets 24 volts instead of the required 12. That burns up the TCM.
- Eyeball the transmission relay harness, which is located next to the batteries. If this
 harness ends up on top of the panel that separates the batteries and the relays, it may
 get cut when the passenger's seat is taken out and put back in. This will result in a noshift mode and the transmission will be unable to change gears.
- Check the TPS voltage output signals. The TPS is used to send a signal to the TCM letting it know when to shift. The TPS may need to be adjusted or replaced.

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A training video, *HMMWV A2 Electronic 4-speed Transmission*, is also available. The video focuses on the transmission's electronic component locations, functions and interactions and includes a section on common problems for diagnostic test codes.

You can order the video from the Defense Imagery website at:

http://www.defenseimagery.mil/index.jsp

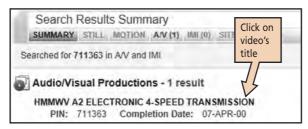
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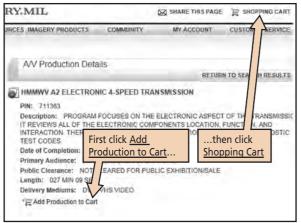
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IT ONLY TAKES
A FEW CLICKS...
AND THEN YOU'RE
ALL SET!

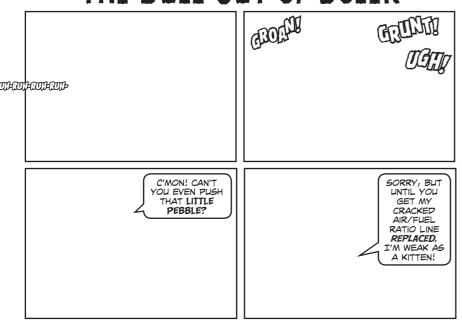








D7G Tractor... FUEL LINE CRACK TAKES THE BULL OUT OF DOZER



Operators, your dozer sounds and runs fine, but falls flat on its nose when you push a load. What gives?

It could be a crack in the air/fuel ratio line that mounts into the fuel injector pump. Due to the age of the dozer and vehicle vibration, this line sometimes cracks where it's mounted to the engine block by a small bracket.

Look behind

clamp for a

crack in air/

fuel ratio line

The crack is usually in the part of the line that's covered by the bracket, so you won't see it. The only way to tell if this is the cause is to have your mechanic remove the bracket so he can eyeball the line.

Any crack in that line means the engine loses turbo boost pressure that's sent to the air/fuel ratio valve. When this happens, the fuel injector pump can't meter the increased fuel that's required to push the load.

If your dozer runs fine until it's under a load, have your mechanic come in for a guick look-

see. He can replace the line with NSN 4710-01-253-7056. Then your dozer will run like new!

Backhoe Loader...

WHEN IT'S TIME TO REPLACE TIRES ON YOUR BACKHOE LOADER, YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE WORK TO DO!

Dear Half-Mast, I need new tires for my backhoe loader (BHL), Can you tell me the NSN for the tire and wheel assembly?

SFC J.M.K.

UNLIKE MOST EQUIPMENT, SERGEANT, THE BHL DOES NOT HAVE A TIRE AND WHEEL ASSEMBLY.

INSTEAD, YOU'LL NEED TO ORDER THE TIRE AND WHEEL SEPARATELY AND PUT THEM TOGETHER YOURSELF

GET THE FRONT TIRE WITH NSN 2610-01-627-2155, NOTE THAT THAT'S A REPLACEMENT FOR NSN 2610-01-533-0485, WHICH IS CURRENTLY SHOWN AS ITEM 2 IN FIG 60 OF TM 5-2420-231-24P (JUN 13).

THE FRONT WHEEL, SHOWN AS ITEM 5 IN FIG 60, COMES WITH NSN 2530-01-623-3528.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLING THE FRONT TIRE AND WHEEL ASSEMBLY ARE IN WP 0203 OF TM 5-2420-231-23-2 (JUL 13).

THE BHL'S REAR TIRE IS SHOWN AS ITEM 4 IN FIG 72 OF THE -24P AND COMES WITH NSN 2610-01-533-0486.

THE REAR WHEEL IS NSN 2530-01-623-3437 AND IS SHOWN AS ITEM 1 IN FIG 72.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURES FOR THE REAR TIRE ASSEMBLY ARE IN WP 0217 OF THE 23-2 TM.

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HEY, I'VE HIT
240 HOURS OF
OPERATION,
IT'S TIME TO
REPLACE MY
LUBRICITY
FUEL FILTER!

BUT YOUR TM SAYS TO REPLACE IT EVERY 500 HOURS.

HMMM...MAYBE I SHOULD CHECK WITH HALF-MAST.



LET IT SNOW. LET IT SNOW. LET IT SNOOOW!

I THOUGHT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WAS TO **STOP SINGING** THAT PANG SONG!

Dear Half-Mast,

I need a little help with the lubricity filter, NSN 2940-01-567-4018, that's used on the HYEX Model 2400 LCR excavator.

According to Item 9 in the Machine PMCS on WP 0310-6 of TM 5-3805-294-23-2 (May 12), the filter is supposed to be replaced after every 500 hours of operation. But when a new filter comes in, it's labeled, "CAUTION: TO BE SERVICED EVERY 250 HOURS."

New filter says to replace every 250 hours



So is TM 5-3805-294-23-2 wrong in requiring a 500-hour interval or is there a different, 500-hour filter we should be using?

Mr. J.R.

GOOD CATCH!
THE REPLACEMENT
INTERVAL FOR THE
HYEX'S LUBRICITY
FILTER IS
250 HOURS.

TM 5-3805-294-23-2 WILL BE UPPATEP TO SHOW THAT AT THE NEXT CHANGE.



A viation articles cover correcting LONGBOW/
APACHE TM errors, change to the M134 mini-gun barrel bolt, and using caution when moving AGSE.

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AH-64 Series..

SEND A 2028 WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE



HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR IETM?

SINCE THE PROCEDURES FOR THE P AND E MODELS HAVE BEEN COMBINED, THE HEADSHED REALLY NEEPS YOU TO SEND IN 2028S WHEN YOU SPOT A PROBLEM.

echanics, now that the AH-64D/E aircraft repair procedures are combined in TM 1-1520-LONGBOW/APACHE, it's more important than ever to write up DA Form 2028s when you spot problems or want to make recommendations.

Since the headshed uses the same IETM you do, they need you to include as much specific information in your 2028s as possible. For example:

- Tail number of aircraft or model designator
- Answer the Dialogue questions box for modifications to help identify what equipment and MWOs are installed.
- Folder location or exact title in IETM
- Approximately how many steps into the task the issue is located
 Within the Longbow IETM is a function called the Annotation Tool. One of its
 many uses is that it allows you to create and attach an annotation to the 2028.

That pinpoints the exact location of the problem you have within the IETM.

To find out how to use the Annotation Tool, go to the top menu bar of the IETM and click on <u>HELP</u>, <u>HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL</u>. Open the HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL folder and click on the <u>Annotations</u> file. This will tell you how to fill out the annotation and how to import and export it.

If you want to submit a 2028 online, go to:

https://amcom2028.redstone.army.mil

You can also submit 2028s by fax, email or regular mail. Information on all methods is located in the IETM General Information/How To Use This Manual/Reporting Errors and Recommending Improvements section.

Remember to include your name, a good phone number (either commercial or DSN), and an @mail.mil email address so the 2028 reviewer can contact you with any questions.

M134 Mini-gun...

Read all About It!

Important Barrel Bolt News HEY! THERE'VE
BEEN A COUPLE
OF CHANGES TO
YOUR BARREL
BOLT!

TELL ME
ABOUT IT!

JAN 15

There have been two important changes for the M134 mini-gun's barrel bolt:

- The old barrel bolt has been replaced. Order the new barrel bolt with NSN 5306-01-505-2891 (PN DMG0073).
 - Replace the barrel bolt if it doesn't have a "V" on the head, if it's damaged, or after firing 100,000 rounds.
- Any time you remove the barrel bolt, you must replace its cotter pin, NSN 3515-00-234-1864 (PN MS24665-302). This increases your M134's safety and reliability.

Barrel bolt

If you have any questions, contact TACOM's John Kelty at DSN 786-1366, (586) 282-1366, or email: john.m.kelty.civ@mail.mil



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USE CAUTION WHEN MOVING TEQUIPMENT

MECHANICS,
GOOD MAINTENANCE
STARTS WITH PAYING
ATTENTION TO DETAIL,
ESPECIALLY
WHEN MANEUVERING
AVIATION GROUND
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT
(AGSE) NEAR
AIRCRAFT,

Slow your roll when positioning maintenance stands and other AGSE near aircraft. That means slowing down early to leave plenty of room to stop before reaching the aircraft.

Ground support equipment like the low level maintenance stand, the B-1 and B-4 stands, the rotor blade stand and the AGPU can get away from you if you're not careful. They can act like a runaway train and before you know it... *BAM!* You just took a chunk out of an airframe.

Protecting aircraft from damage should be a part of PMCS. Always use chock blocks on AGSE wheels. With maintenance stands, make sure you apply the brakes to prevent movement as you go up and down the steps. You don't want equipment to roll into the aircraft or out from under you, right?

When you're not using AGSE, it's a good practice to keep the equipment stationed outside the outer edge of aircraft rotor blades. And when you're doing night maintenance, make sure the equipment has reflective tape. That way you can see where everything is and avoid injury.

Remember, slow and steady is the way to go. Fast and furious just results in aircraft damage or personnel injury.

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Small arms—Units should not have both M2 and M2A1 machine guns; don't mix MK19 and M203 grenade rounds; wherever your M2, M240 or M249 goes, both barrels should also go with them.

Tools—An app for TMDE.

CBRN—Optical lens inserts for M40/M42 masks.



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MZ VS. MZA1: IT'S EITHER/OR

FOR DUTY, THAT MEANS YOU NEED TO GO TO ANOTHER UNIT, I'M AFRAID I DON'T WORK WITH M2S, I WORK STRICTLY WITH OTHER M2AIS.

ONCE UNITS RECEIVE THE NEW M2A1 MACHINE GUNS IT'S TIME TO TURN IN THEIR OLD M2S. THE ARMY DOESN'T WANT M2S AND M2AIS IN THE SAME UNIT.







...YOU CAN INTERCHANGE M2 BARRELS WITH OTHER M2 MACHINE GUNS AND YOU CAN DO THE SAME WITH M2A1 BARRELS AND M2A1 MACHINE GUNS.

BUT, IF YOU TRY TO USE AN M2A1 BARREL ON AN M2 OR AN M2 BARREL ON AN M2A1, YOU DAMAGE THE WEAPON AND MAYBE YOURSELF.



M2A1 BARRELS HAVE INTERRUPTED THREADS ON THE RECEIVER SIDE OF THE BARREL, A BARREL LOCK PIN (OR LUG) AND A CARRYING HANDLE AGGEMBLY.

M2 BARRELS HAVE THE SAME SERIAL NUMBER AS THEIR RECEIVER AND DO NOT HAVE A CARRYING HANDLE ASSEMBLY OR BARREL LOCK PIN.

REMEMBER, ANY TIME THE M2 IS TO BE FIRED IT MUST FIRST BE HEADSPACED AND TIMED BY THE GUNNER, AND THAT'S ALSO TRUE ANY TIME BARRELS ARE SWITCHED.

TO DO THAT, EVERY GUNNER MUST HAVE HIS OWN M2 HEADSPACE AND TIMING GAGES, NSN GO TO THE FIELD OR RANGE WITH ONLY ONE SET OF GAGES FOR ALL

5220-00-535-1217, DON'T THE M2S. THAT'S ASKING FOR TROUBLE.

THE M2A1 MUST HAVE ITS HEADSPACE AND TIMING VERIFIED BY YOUR REPAIRMAN BEFORE YOU GO TO THE FIELD.

BUT ONCE THAT'S DONE YOU CAN SWITCH ITS TWO BARRELS WITH-OUT WORRYING ABOUT GAGING IT AGAIN.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE FIRING THE M2A1 ON THE CROWS, KEEP THE OLD M2 GAGES.

THEY ARE NEEDED TO PERFORM THE ELECTRONIC TIMING FOR THE CROWS SOLENOID.

USE THE FIRE/NO FIRE PORTION OF THE OLD TIMING GAGE FOR THE ELECTRONIC TIMING.

MK 19 AND M203 AMMO DON'T MIX!

EXCUSE ME, T SEEM TO BE RUNNING A BIT SHORT OF AMMO.

MIGHT I BORROW A FEW OF YOUR ROUNDS?

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

OUR ROUNDS DON'T MIX!

YOU GOTTA FIRE YOUR ROUNDS ONLY.

Dear Editor,

The MK 19 and M203 weapons may both fire grenades, but they definitely can't fire the same ammo.

MK 19 ammo comes linked. MZO3 ammo has no links. Cutting off the links for MK 19 ammo so it can be used in an M203 is illegal and dangerous. And trying to fire M203 ammo in an MK 19 is equally dangerous. We had one unit try that with an MK 19 and half the rounds burst during the feed stroke. Just follow the -10 TMs for both weapons on what ammo to use and you'll be fine.

Karl Hayhurst TACOM Small Arms LAR Camp Casey, S. Korea

Editor's note:

Thanks for the warning, Karl.

NOW WAIT A PARNED MINUTE! INEED A COOL BARREL IF I'M GONNA KEEP FIRING. GOT THAT?

Every unit that fires M2, M240 and M249 machine guns should have a sign hanging over the arms room door saying "Always take both barrels to the field."

Every year thousands of bucks are spent replacing these weapons' barrels because units leave the spare barrel in the arms room. Especially at the range, they fire many rounds through the same barrel. The barrel gets so hot—red hot in some cases—it warps. That barrel is ruined. And hot barrels can also cause cook offs, which are dangerous.

But if you're firing and firing at the range, you may need more than one spare barrel. For the M240, you should change the barrel every 10 minutes during sustained fire (100 rounds per minute with 4-5 seconds between bursts) and every 2 minutes during rapid fire (200 rounds per minute with 2-3 seconds between bursts). The M249 barrel should be changed every 200 rounds both for sustained and rapid fire.



For the M2, change the barrel at the end of the day if you're firing single shot or slow fire (fewer than 40 rounds per minute). Change the barrel every hour if you're firing more than 40 rounds per minute and every half hour for more than 100 rounds per minute. Of course, change the barrel immediately if the barrel is damaged.

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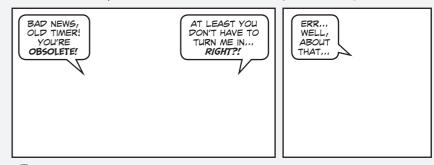
If you're firing rounds fast, the barrels don't have time to really cool off even when you change them like you're supposed to. So, if you replace a hot barrel with another hot barrel, the barrel is ruined. That's why if you regularly do lots of firing at the range, it's a good idea to have extra spare barrels.

Then you can rotate three or more barrels instead of two.

Barrel should be cool to touch with your bare hand **before** you reinstall it

But remember for the M2A1, M240 and M249, you can use only spare barrels specifically headspaced to that particular weapon. If you swap barrels between machine guns, you damage not only the barrel but the machine gun itself. And you could damage yourself if the gun blows up! All barrels should be tagged for the machine gun they have been headspaced for.

Mortars... M23 MBC Obsolete



If you're still using the M23 mortar ballistic computer (MBC), NSN 1220-01-119-6049, and its companion computer, NSN 1220-01-161-8888, stop. They're obsolete and should be demilitarized and sent to DLA Disposition Services.

To demil the M23, remove the center circuit card assembly from inside the MBC and destroy it. Fill out a DLIS Form 1867 and tape it to the MBC's back cover plate. Then turn it in to your local DLA Disposition Services.

Destroy center circuit card assembly and turn in M23 to DLA

Let TACOM know you've turned in the MBC by emailing its serial number to: usarmy.detroit.tacom.mbx.ilsc-mortar-systems@mail.mil

The M23 has been replaced with the M32 lightweight handheld mortar ballistic computer.

If you have questions, contact TACOM's Joe Leigh at DSN 786-1223, (586) 282-1223, or email: joseph.t.leigh.civ@mail.mil



HERE'S AN EASIER
WAY TO MODIFY YOUR
M12 RACK FOR THE
NEW FIRE CONTROL
SELECTOR. IT DOESN'T
INVOLVE CUTTING AND
GRINDING! JUST A BIT
OF BENDING!

The new fire control selector, NSN 1005-01-585-6042, for the M16-series rifle and the M4/M4A1 carbine makes it necessary to modify your M12 racks. Otherwise, you can't lock the racks.

Pages 38-39 of PS 729 (Aug 13) told you how to modify the M12 racks. But that procedure required cutting and grinding the rack slot and was very time-consuming.

Fortunately TACOM LAR Chris Warner and SSG Shawn Landeen of Ft Stewart have come up with an easier and better way to fit the fire control selector in the M12. Their method doesn't involve cutting, allows the rack to be returned to its original configuration, and cuts the modification time from an hour to about 10 minutes. To do the job, you'll need welding pliers, NSN 5120-00-494-1895. Here's how:

1. Open the plier grips fully. Position the welding pliers 0.5 inches back from the face of the rack.

Set the jaws to a size smaller than the sheet divider when the jaws are closed.

2. Squeeze the pliers in place on the rack until they lock and then remove them.

3. Test to see if the weapon fits in the rack slot.

4. If necessary, adjust the diameter of the pliers and go back to Step 2. Repeat the procedure until the weapon fits snug in the rack.

When you're finished, have your TACOM LAR or local security certify the rack as secure.

AN/PVS-14 Nitcht Vision Steht...

DON'T LOSE NECK CORD!

UH-OH, MY NECK CORD IS GONE AGAIN! SHOOT! THAT MEANS YOU'RE NMC UNTIL WE GET YOU A NEW CORD.

Dear Editor,

I work at Ft Benning's weapons pool where we issue as many as 3,000 AN/PVS-14 night vision sights per week.

We have a big problem with the -14's neck cord disappearing. It's often removed or comes off. Unfortunately, the sight is NMC without the cord, NSN 4020-01-446-8097. So we can't reissue the -14 until we replace the cord. The cord costs only \$1.27, but it adds up when you have to replace cords over and over again. Plus getting new cords is not easy.

Please ask Soldiers not to remove the cord. When they PMCS the sight, they should make sure the cord is not loose. They can re-tie it if necessary.

Raymond Brown Ft Benning, GA

Editor's note: We'll be glad to do that, Raymond. Units should order extra cords to replace the ones that eventually disappear. You don't want a sight sitting on your deadline report because of a missing cord.

Make sure cord is secured tightly

Neck cord

WOW, THIS NEW TMDE APP IS GOING TO MAKE TRACKING YOUR CALIBRATION A BREEZE!

TMDE Questions? Get the TMDE App!

FINALLY, I HAVE MY OWN APP! When the TMDE app appears, click <u>Create Shortcut</u> on the right-hand side of the page. Then close the page and click on the <u>TMDE</u> app to get started.

IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS THAT THE APP
POESN'T ANSWER, PON'T
HESITATE TO CONTACT
YOUR LOCAL TMPE
SUPPORT ACTIVITY.

Worried about the status of your unit's TMDE? Stop worrying and get the TMDE app at the Logistics Information Warehouse (LIW).

The TMDE app lets you easily check the master list and projected, delinquent and in-shop status reports for your unit's TMDE items.

The master list shows all your unit's TMDE items by serial number, model, nomenclature, status and calibration due date.

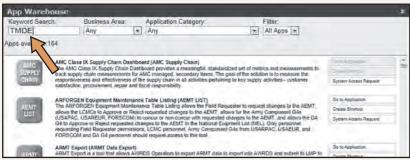
The projected items report lists all TMDE due for calibration in the next 30 days.

The delinquent items list identifies items past due for calibration.

The in-shop status report provides the work order number and status along with the model, serial number, and nomenclature of all your items at TMDE.

To get the app, go to: https://liw.logsa.army.mil/

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the <u>App Warehouse</u> button. In the Keyword Search block, type TMDE.



AN/PVS-6 MELIOS Laser Rangefinder...

IS THERE A CARRYING CASE?

HEY, I'M

DELICATE HERE!

I NEED SOME

KINDA CARRYING

CASE FOR

PROTECTION.

Dear Half-Mast, We've had no luck finding either a carrying case or shipping case for the AN/PVS-6 mini eyesafe laser infrared observation set (MELIOS) laser rangefinder. Are there any available?

SSG D.J.

Dear Sergeant, Yes and no. There is a soft carrying case for the rangefinder that comes with NSN 5855-01-546-0126. But there is no shipping case. You can order a case online or buy one at your local big box store that you can adapt for the AN/PVS-6. If it protects your rangefinder, it's worth the money.

Order carrying case with NSN 5855-01-546-0126

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CHAMBER.

THAT TEAR GAS!





HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OUR FRIENDS AT SIAD!

NO GLASSES OR CONTACTS PLEASE!

f you wear glasses or contacts to correct your vision, don't wear them with your M40/M42 mask.

If you put on your mask while wearing glasses (yes, sunglasses count!), the mask can't seal properly to your face and can't protect you.

Contact lenses may not affect your mask seal, but they can quickly become a problem. Not only do contact lenses require a good fit, they also need sufficient moisture and oxygen to be worn comfortably. If the mask is cutting down the oxygen to your eyes or dust, smoke or gas have fouled your contacts, they can become extremely painful to wear. If you're in a chemical environment, you can't remove your mask to take out the contacts or put in eye drops. Bottom line, contact lenses and masks don't mix.

That's why every Soldier who wears glasses or contacts needs to use optical lens inserts for his M40/M42. The inserts include prescription lenses; a lens carrier, NSN 6540-01-264-1348; and a carrier mount/frame. NSN 6540-01-389-7152.

Soldiers who wear glasses or contacts need prescription lenses for M40/M42 masks



Order your optical lens inserts through your medical branch or by contacting the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity (NOSTRA):

http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nostra/Pages/default.aspx

NOSTRA also provides optical inserts for other masks.

Their website has instructions for ordering lenses, tracking the order and installing the lens inserts.

The M40/M42's TM 3-4240-346-23&P also provides installation and removal instructions for the optical lens inserts.

If you need mask help, email the Individual Protection Team at:

us.army.detroit.tacom.mbx.ilsc-masks@mail.mil

The new
year brings
downloadable
IETMs, and free
Army equipment
from SIAD!

PUT YOUR BEST SAFETY FOOT FORWARD



I BELIEVE YOU, SOLDIER. IT HAPPENS MORE OFTEN THAN IT SHOULD.

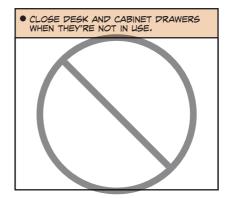
An obvious but painful fact is that an accident can result in life-changing injuries. But not all accidents are created equal. Sometimes, what seems to be a minor accident on the surface turns out to be a major one because it affects unit readiness.

Speaking of surfaces... slips, trips and falls are among the most common and preventable accidents around the workplace.

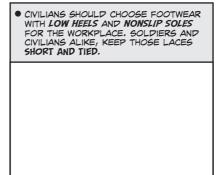
Awareness and taking proactive steps to reduce hazards are the keys to protecting Soldiers and civilians.

Here are some ways to nip slipping and tripping dangers in the bud:

● CLEAR PATHWAYS OF **OBSTACLES** LIKE BOXES AND **TRIPPING HAZARDS** LIKE EXTENSION CORDS. SCOUT FOR SMALL HAZARDS, TOO. SOMEONE CAN SLIP ON SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A **PENCIL** LEFT ON THE FLOOR. CHECK THAT ALL FLOORING SURFACES ARE LEVEL AND SECURED, REPAIR BROKEN TILES AND OTHER TYPES OF LOOSE OR TORN FLOORING SUCH AS CARPETING.



 ADJUST YOUR WALKING SPEED AND STYLE DEPENDING ON SURFACES.
 IF A SURFACE IS ROUGH, UNEVEN, SLIPPERY OR ANGLED, SLOW DOWN! TAKE SMALL, CAREFUL STEPS.

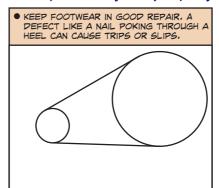


BE SURE SHOES AND BOOTS HAVE ADEQUATE TREAD BEFORE WALKING ON ICY, GREASY OR WET SURFACES.

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THE TRICK!

 MAKE SURE ANY NECESSARY WARNING SIGNS ARE POSTED IN WORK AREAS. FOR SPECIFIC MOTOR POOL SAFETY TIPS, SEE PAGES 56-59 IN PS 728 (Jul 13): https://www.logsa.armu.mil/psmag/archives/PS2013/728/728-56-59.pdf



FOR MORE POINTERS ON BOOSTING WORKPLACE SAFETY, VISIT THE US COMBAT READINESS/SAFETY CENTER WEBSITE AT https://safety.army.mil/

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IETMs Get Green Light for Download

SORRY GLIYS, I TRIED TO
ORDER THAT IETM YOU NEED
TO FIX THIS RIG, BUT THEY'RE
OUTTA CD'S RIGHT NOW.

IT COULD BE
WEEK'S BEFORE
WE GET 'EM.

GOOD NEWS,
SERGEANT.
LOGSA LETS
YOU DOWNLOAD
IETMS NOW,
SO YOU CAN
GET WHAT YOU
NEED, WHEN
YOU NEED IT!



Good news! You can now download DA-authenticated interactive electronic technical manuals (IETMs).

IETMs are computerized, screen-based diagnostic and maintenance versions of TMs. They are used for troubleshooting, isolating faults and identifying equipment maintenance needs.

IETMs are still available on CD-ROMs/DVDs and read-only online. But Army funding shortfalls meant there weren't enough disks being printed to meet customer demand.

The Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA) heard pleas from the field and came up with a costeffective alternative.

Downloadable IETMs mean faster equipment fixes. But remember:

- Authorized IETM downloads are only available from LOGSA's Logistics Information Warehouse (LIW). You must have a valid, current system access request (SAR) and use your CAC whenever you log in to LIW.
- IETM access and download is based on distribution statement codes. The public can view Distribution Statement A information, but viewing or downloading any IETMs coded other than A is restricted.
- LOGSA's goal is to deliver IETMs in the same format as the original CD-ROMs or DVDs.
 However, IETMs are very large, so to make downloads possible, content is broken down
 into several zip files (each 500 MB or less). These zips must be recombined by the end
 user before they work like the original disks.
- Carefully follow the 'IETM_Download_Instruction.txt' file that comes with each downloadable IETM. Instructions vary depending on the IETM's proponent (for example, AMCOM, CECOM, TACOM, etc.) That's why it's important to read the step-by-step instructions every time you download a new IETM.
- If you download content and make a CD-ROM/DVD, be sure that the date of the IETM is also written on the disk you create. That way when an updated IETM comes out, you'll be reminded to replace the old disk.

Destruction Instructions for Distribution Restricted CD-ROMs/DVDs (Coded B, C, D)

If your local facility does not destroy distribution restricted CD-ROMs/DVDs, you can send them to the National Security Agency (NSA). Follow these rules:

- Ship only whole disks to NSA. No need to scratch disks.
- Don't send sleeves, mailers or cases.
- Maximum shipping box size is 18 inches high x 18 inches wide x 18 inches long. Maximum weight is 40 pounds per box.
- Single-wrap outside shipping box with brown paper. If loose disks rattle, mark box "Rattle Okay."
- Send no more than 10 boxes at one time.
- If you want a receipt, include a documentation/destruction form in each shipping box with the total number of CD-ROMS/DVDs written on it.

Ship boxes by first-class mail to:

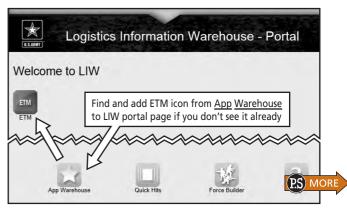
Director National Security Agency 9800 Savage Road

ATTN: CMC-Degaussing-Suite 6875

Ft George G. Meade, MD 20755-6875

FOLLOW THIS STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE...

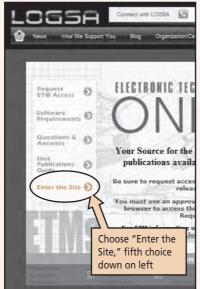
- 1. Access LIW at: https://liw.logsa.army.mil/
- If you already have an LIW account, choose the yellow "Login with CAC" button. If not, click <u>System Access Request (SAR)</u> at the top right of the screen and follow instructions to get LIW access.
- 3. Click the ETM icon. If you don't have it in your portal already, you may need to add it. To select applications, click on the <u>App</u> <u>Warehouse</u> at the bottom of the page. Add the ETM icon and then you can enter by clicking it.



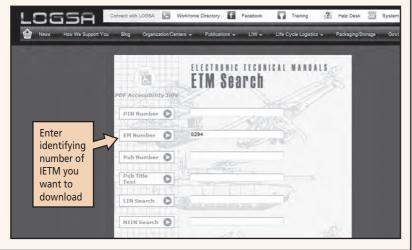
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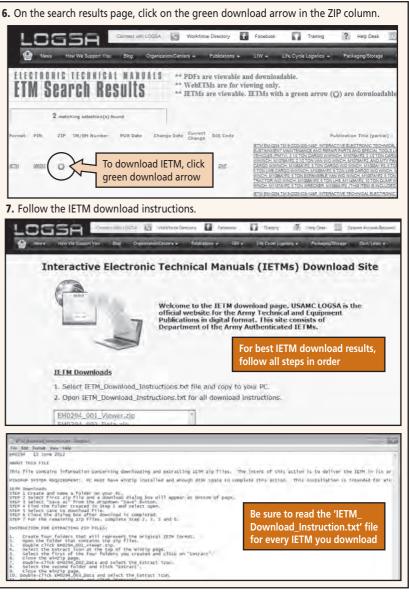
4. You should see the Electronic Technical Manuals Authorized Access Page. Read the terms, choose I accept and then Enter the Site.





5. On the ETM Search screen, enter the number of the IETM you want in the EM Number field. Or you can search by title or other fields.





Questions or need tech support?

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D'YOU THINK THERE'S ANY SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL MRES?



IT'S GOTTA BE MORE COMFORTABLE THAN A HMMWV! NOW MOTOR STABLES MAKES SENSE!

WITH THE ARMY'S RECENT BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (BCT) REORGANIZATION, MANY EXCESS COMMON TABLE OF ALLOWANCE (CTA) ITEMS WERE RELOCATED TO SIERRA ARMY DEPOT (SIAD), CA.

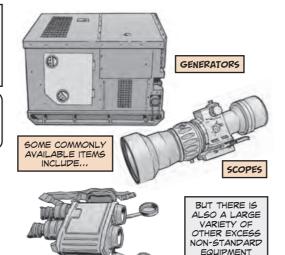
GOOD NEWS, UNITS!

YOU CAN SCOOP UP THESE

ITEMS THROUGH THE

ARMY'S REDISTRIBUTION

PROCESS.



THIS NS-E IS AVAILABLE TO ARMY COMMANDS (ACOMS), ARMY SERVICE COMPONENT COMMANDS (ASCCS) AND DIRECT REPORTING UNITS (DRUS). ALL ITEMS ARE OFFERED FREE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS IN "AS IS" CONDITION.

HERE'S HOW REDISTRIBUTION WORKS... Once NS-E returns from theater, it's visually inspected and picked up on SIAD's accountable record before going into storage.

SIAD uploads a list of items into a "virtual mall" so Army customers can select what they want. This info is updated twice a week. You can view current inventory in AMC's Material Enterprise Non-Standard Equipment (MENS-E) database:

https://mens-e.logsa.army.mil/app/scripts/login.cfm



If your unit wants something, submit a request though your ACOM/ASCC/DRU command representative. Your command can then officially request the equipment release through MENS-E. Once it's approved, your unit coordinates transportation and shipping arrangements directly with SIAD.

Although the equipment itself is free, your unit still must pay for transportation and any future sustainment costs. Items also must be accounted for and transferred in PBUSE.

For more info, contact Timothy Pollard at DSN 320-6924, (256) 450-6924, email:

timothy.c.pollard.civ@mail.mil

Or Bertrand James at DSN 320-6857, (256) 450-6857, email: bertrand.f.james.civ@mail.mil

BINOCULARS

(NS-E) UP FOR

GRABS.



BY APPING SOME TAPE TO ME, I'LL LOOK LIKE **THIS** IN YOUR THERMAL WEAPON SIGHT. IT'S **CHEAP** AND **EASY TO DO**.

> AND YOU CAN USE ME ON THE FIRING LINE OR IN INERT PRACTICE!

Do It Yourself Thermal Targets

SAVE YOUR
UNIT MONEY
AND INCREASE
THE QUALITY OF
YOUR SOLDIERS'
TRAINING.

The Army's lightweight AN/PAS-13 Thermal Weapon Sight (TWS) gives Soldiers the ability to spot even a well-camouflaged enemy night or day through dust, smoke or fog, but attaining proficiency takes training and practice.

Project Manager Soldier Sensors and Lasers (PM SSL) has developed Do It Yourself (DIY) thermal targets that keep the cost of training with thermal sensors affordable.

A standard store-bought thermal target costs approximately \$60 each, while a DIY version costs approximately 24 cents each. This includes the cost of the E-type silhouette but excludes the labor hours needed to purchase and assemble them.

The DIY thermal targets requires no power and can be used at the range or in inert training locations. Thermal tape uses its natural reflective property, so even in near zero illumination the tape will be reflective. Saving money and improving Soldiers' survivability, mobility and lethality couldn't be easier. The DIY idea creates a simulated weapon-shaped thermal signature over the torso of an E-type silhouette.

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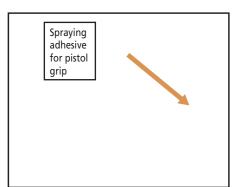


*You can also substitute aluminum tape, NSN 7510-00-684-8803, for the thermal paper, eliminating the need for glue and cutting.

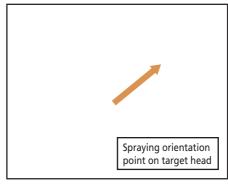
Thermal Target Construction Step 1: E-type Silhouette Target



Place your E-Type target on a flat surface with the green side up. Approximately 4 inches down on the left side (just below the shoulder area), spray the glue from left to right slightly angled upwards, until you reach the right shoulder. This will eventually be the upper receiver. Your glue pattern should be several inches wide.

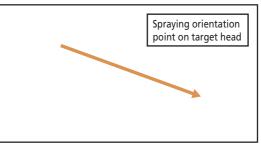


About 3 inches in from the left side, spray a 4-inch swath downward so that you can place the 2" x 4" strip on it, which will form the pistol grip.



In the center of the head, spray (either nose or eyebrow level) a 2" to 3" spot for your 2" x 2" piece of thermal tape. Allow to dry to a point that it is still tacky.

Step 2: Thermal Strips



Holding the spray gun about 6 to 8 inches away from the thermal strip, spray the backside (the uncolored side).

Step 3: Making the Target

While still tacky, take your 2" x 18" thermal strip (upper receiver) and place it on the target, ensuring that you angle it up to the right shoulder.

Then place the 2" x 4" strip for the pistol grip.

With the remaining 2" x 2" strip, place it in the center of the head to give the shooter a point of reference while making head shot.

Your target should look like a man holding a weapon at "Port Arms."



- In foul weather, place a clear plastic bag over the target but leave it open. This will help the the glue last a lot longer.
 Note: If you are zeroing the AN/PAS-13, the spotter will still see the impacts of the round through the plastic bag.
- The target needs to be tilted back 10–12 degrees in order to see the reflection through the AN/PAS-13.





The Right Place for GEOM Returns



YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING! WHERE AM I S'POSED TO PUT 'EM?!

Dear Editor,

Please tell your readers not to send CECOM equipment directly to the LCMC at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), MD, under DODAAC W15GK8. This is the *wrong* address and the APG installation warehouse is getting clogged with items that do not belong there.

Most CECOM items can be returned to the Defense Logistic Agency's (DLA) warehouse in Tobyhanna, PA, or DLA's warehouse in New Cumberland, PA. When returning items, type or clearly print mailing labels in ALL CAPS, exactly as shown below. Send returns to one of the following addresses:

Tobyhanna – BY6 For general cargo returns (unclassified and non-radiological)

Ship to:

W25G1W W1BG UEF DIST DEPOT TOBYANNA GIBBS AND FIFTH STREETS WAREHOUSE 6 BAY 4 TOBYHANNA, PA 18466-5059

Classified, non-radiological returns

Ship to:

SV3114 DLA DISTRIBUTION TOBYHANNA SPEC HANDLING FAC PH 570 615 7354 SQUIRE AND 5TH ST BLDG 5 BAY 5 TOBYHANNA, PA 18466-5059

Classified and unclassified radiological returns

Ship to:

ST3114
DLA DISTRIBUTION TOBYHANNA
RADIOLOGICAL SPEC HANDLING FACILITY
BUILDING 13 6TH STREET
TOBYHANNA, PA 18466-5059

or

New Cumberland – AN5 W25G1U W1BG DLA DISTRIBUTION DDSP NEW CUMBERLAND FACILITY 2001 NORMANDY DRIVE DOOR 113 TO 134 NEW CUMBERLAND. PA 17070-5002

If your readers have questions about shipping any CECOM items, they can email: usarmy.APG.cecom.mbx.lrc-leo-s-and-d-support@mail.mil

Their email subject line should reference shipping items to CECOM.

Donna Albietz CECOM Accountable Property Officer AMSEL-LCL-D APG, MD

Editor's note: Thanks for alerting us, Donna. They've got the message now.

Night Vision Devices...

LITHIUM BATTERIES ONLY, PLEASE

SORRY, BUDDY, I'M STRICTLY A LITHIUM KIND OF NIGHT VISION GUY.

Units are correctly ordering 1.5V AA L91 lithium batteries, NSN 6135-01-333-6101, for their night vision devices. But when the DLA supplier is out of lithium batteries, alkaline batteries are being substituted. That just won't do!

These battery level indicators and alarms for night vision devices are developed specifically for AA L91 lithium batteries. Lithium batteries provide more than 13 hours of operation under ideal conditions, which is vastly superior to alkaline batteries. That's why you should only use alkaline batteries in night vision devices in a pinch.

So how do you prevent battery substitutions? Mark the requisition form DD Form 1348-6 with an advice code of "2J" in record positions 65-66, which means fill or kill, no substitutions.

The NSN brings 12 lithium batteries in individual blister packs packed in a single box.

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30-, 60-kW TQGs...





\$% \$##!
THIS THING
ISN'T WORKING
AGAIN.

Y'KNOW, I READ IN PS THAT SOME GENERATOR KEYPADS ARE DEFECTIVE. MAYBE WE SHOULD CHECK THIS ONE OUT.

DOES YOUR
UNIT HAVE
A B MODEL
30- OR GO-KW
TACTICAL
QUIET
GENERATOR
(TQG)?

IF SO, THE GENERATOR MAY HAVE A DEFECTIVE CONTROL BOX KEYPAD ASSEMBLY, NON 5999-01-470-4245 (PN 96-23545).

IT'S PART OF THE DIGITAL CONTROL SYSTEM ON GENERATOR MODELS MEP-805B, -806B, -815B AND -816B.

THE KEYPAD
ASSEMBLY
CONTROLS
NAVIGATION IN
THE COMPUTER
INTERFACE
MODULE (CIM).

IF IT'S FAULTY,
ONE CLUE IS
THAT THE CIM
CURSOR POESN'T
WORK RIGHT,
SOMETIMES THE
CURSOR WON'T
MOVE DOWNWARD OR LEFT
AND SOMETIMES
IT WON'T MOVE
AT ALL.

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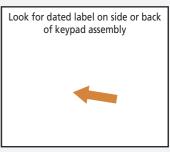
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Identify the Faulty Keypad Assembly

If your keypad falls under one of these contracts, here's how to check if it's covered:

- **1.** If the keypad assembly is already installed, remove it in an electrostatic discharge safe area.
 - a. For 30-kW generators, remove the keypad following the instructions in Steps 1-8 in WP 0050 of TM 9-6115-671-14.
 - b. For 60-kW generators, remove the keypad following the instructions in Steps 1-8 in WP 0050 in TM 9-6115-672-14.
- 2. Find the label with the "N.E.K." quality assurance stamp. The label may be on the top or back of the assembly.



- Check the date code. The date code on the label is formatted as "MM/DD/YY" (for example, 11/02/07 is 02 Nov 2007).
 - a. If the date code on the label falls between 06/01/12 to 06/30/13, your keypad assembly is eligible for repair. The manufacturer will forward defective keypad assemblies to a supplier who will repair and return them to units free of charge. Contact the following POC to get a return material authorization (RMA) number and further instructions:

Kathryn Santine Contract Administrator L-3 Communications Westwood Corp. 12402 E. 60th St. Tulsa. OK 74146

Or call her at (918) 250-4480 or email: Kathryn.Santine@L-3com.com

b. If the date on the label does not fall within the dates in Step 3(a), but the keypad assembly is defective, follow the standard product quality deficiency report (PQDR) process. To submit a PQDR, go to: https://www.pdrep.csd.disa.mil/

GCSS-Army Reminder

Remember to check the GCSS-Army website for alerts, updated fielding and training schedules and other important info. Visit: https://gcss.army.mil/

Or sign up to get automatic notifications at: https://gcss.army.mil/Support/register.aspx

DISTRIBUTION: To be distributed in accordance with the initial distribution number (IDN) 345239, requirements for the TB 43-PS-Series.

Would You Stake Your Life night on the Condition of Your Equipment?

DON'T OPERATE IN THE DARK WHEN IT COMES TO CHEMICAL SAFETY!



DON'T GUESS! USE THE MSDS!

