

APPLYING THE GRACE PERIOD

Dear Half-Mast,

I need a translation of Para 3-3 in DA Pam 738-750 on how to apply the 10 percent window for scheduled services.

Currently, I allow a 10 percent variance before and after the scheduled service date. That is, I can do an annual service 36 days before to 36 days after the scheduled date.

At a briefing I was told that I had to divide the days equally and allow only 18 days on either side of the scheduled date for a total of 36 days for an annual service. What's the story?

CW2 G. E.



Dear Mr. G. E.,

The experts at DA say that you are right to apply the 10 percent variance before and after the scheduled service date.

Here is how it works. Let's say the annual service date for a 5-ton truck is 15 May 00. However, the vehicle is dispatched on 12 May and won't be back until 25 May. What do you do?

Here's how to figure the 10 percent variance:

Number of days (annual = 360) x 10 percent = 36 days.

Then, by applying the results on both sides of the date, you are allowed to pull the service 36 days before or 36 days after the scheduled service date. This means you can do the service as early as 10 Apr or as late as 20 Jun.

This formula also works for hours or miles. Just plug them into the formula in place of days.

Take note that some services may be too critical to allow the 10 percent variance. The maintenance procedure in the tech manual will tell you when the variance is not allowed.

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