

CARC...

# To Repaint or Not To Repaint

That is the question and it's asked often by Army maintainers.

Here are the highlights of the Army's painting policy that's spelled out in DA Msg DALO-AMZ 060808Z Mar 00:

- Use CARC. It's the approved paint coating for all combat and combat support equipment, tactical vehicles, aircraft, and essential ground support equipment and reparable containers, such as engine, transmission and all ammunition containers.
- Repaint only when the present paint is unserviceable or when it's not the right color for contingency missions. Repaint when 25 percent or more of the total painted area on the equipment is unserviceable after review by supervisory maintenance personnel.
- Repainting for uniformity or cosmetic reasons is not allowed.
- Tactical equipment with single-color CARC will be painted with an approved color based on contingency mission environment.
- Total repainting is done at DS, GS and depot levels where OSHA-approved paint booth facilities are available.
- Unit-level painting with a brush or roller is limited to spot painting, and only with CARC paint. Scratches, chips or marred surfaces found during PMCS can also be painted to prevent corrosion.

This new guidance is effective immediately and will be included in the next revision of AR 750-1, *Army Materiel Maintenance Policy and Retail Maintenance Operations*.

