

# KEEPING STOCK OF BENCH STOCK



Dear Editor,

Keeping stock of bench stock can be a real pain in the keister for armorers, especially when they're taking care of a variety of rifles, machine guns, pistols, and mortars. It's difficult sometimes to tell an M249 machine gun spring from an M16 rifle spring.

We made the job easier with compartmentalized plastic trays, the kind used to store things like fishing lures. Most large discount stores sell the trays for a few dollars or you can order one with NSN 8115-00-663-0212.

We buy one tray for each weapon model we maintain and keep all the small bench stock for that model in the tray.

We write each item's name and NSN on a filing label and stick it on the item's compartment. We also write the weapon's name on a label and stick it on the lid of the tray.

Finding what you need then becomes a snap. Organizing bench stock like this also make inspections easier since you can quickly prove you have the required repair parts.



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