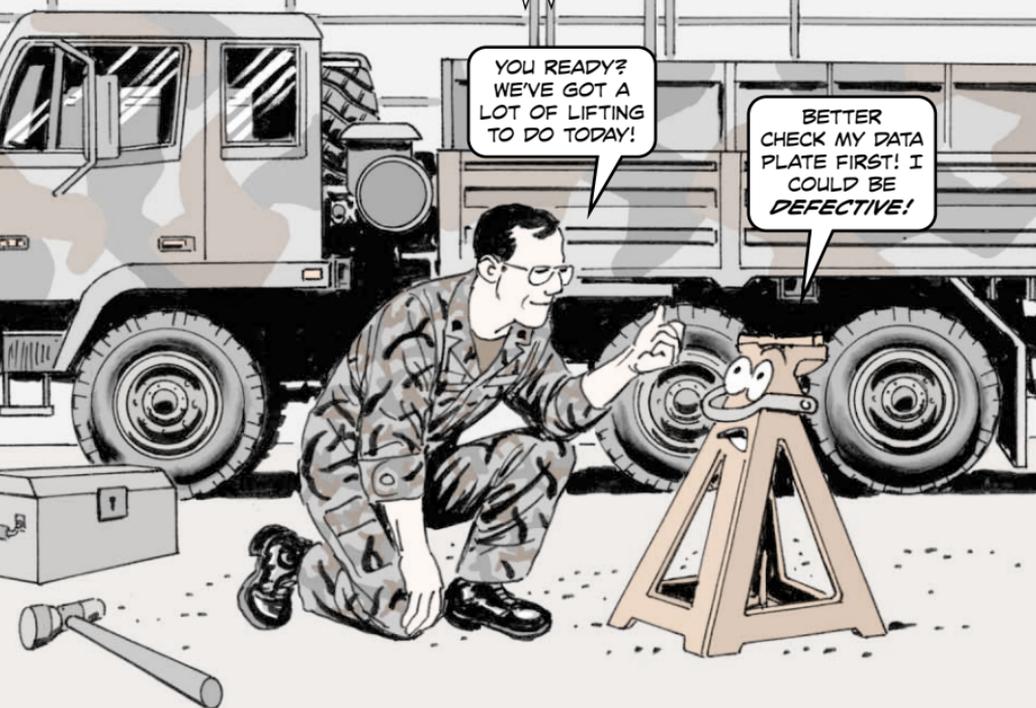


# THE TROUBLE WITH TRESTLES



**W**e've said it before and now we'll say it again: If your unit has any 7-ton trestles (jack stands), NSN 3950-00-251-8013, they could be defective.

Trestles manufactured by Martinez and Sons, Inc., in 1979 have a defect that can cause them to buckle and collapse if the load is off-center.

Take a look at the data plate. If it lists the manufacturer as Martinez and Sons, Inc., and has a contract number of DAAA09-79-C-4216, you've got one of the defective trestles. The "79" in the contract number refers to the contract year—1979.

Defective trestles should be destroyed by crushing, cutting or any other method that makes them unusable. Trestles that are missing data plates and can't be otherwise identified, should be condemned, too.

Martinez and Sons, Inc., had several contracts for 7-ton trestles between 1979 and 1990. So, if your 7-ton trestle was made by Martinez and Sons, Inc., in any year other than 1979 or by any other manufacturer, it's OK to use.

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