

M2/M3-Series Bradleys...

USE CARC ON THE INSIDE



Dear Half-Mast,

My soldiers want to improve the appearance inside their Bradleys. The paint inside is old, scratched, and generally pretty bad-looking.

I've been unable to find anything on what kind of paint to use. Do we use regular enamel or CARC? Should the paint be fire retardant or rust-resistant?

SSG J.A.C.

Dear Sergeant J.A.C.,

Since you need the same chemical agent protection inside as you do outside your vehicle, green CARC is the paint to use. Get a 2-qt kit with NSN 8010-01-419-1162 and a 1-gal kit with NSN 8010-01-419-1147. NSN 8010-01-193-0516 brings a quart of white epoxy primer.

Both kits bring a two-component CARC paint that consists of a polymer resin and a curing agent that must be mixed in a four-to-one ratio. That allows you to mix up only as much paint as you need and save the rest for later.

Remember that touch-up painting is done to prevent corrosion, not for purely cosmetic reasons.

Check out TB 43-0209, Color, Marking and Camouflage Painting of Military Vehicles, Construction Equipment and Materials Handling Equipment, and TB 43-0242, CARC Spot Painting, for safety information when spot painting with CARC.

