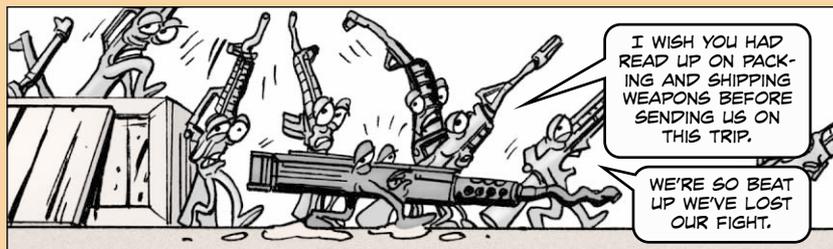


# HOW TO SHIP WEAPONS



Dear Half-Mast,

We are getting ready to ship out to Iraq and we're wondering where to go for info on packing our rifles and machine guns. We don't want to get there and find out our weapons didn't make the trip safely.

B.B.

Dear Mr. B.B.,

Info on shipping weapons is lacking in many of the -23&P TMs for the rifles and machine guns, so here's the basic scoop on getting your weapons ready for a trip:

First, clean them thoroughly like it shows in the -10 TMs. But don't steam clean them. That leads to corrosion problems.

Then lube the weapons like the -10 says. All metal surfaces should be lubed. For most weapons, that means lube with CLP. Exceptions are the MK19 and the Avenger's M3P, which use stronger lubes. See their TMs for lubing instructions.

Wrap each weapon with vapor corrosion inhibitor (VCI) barrier and secure the barrier with tape. NSN 8135-00-664-0015 gets 600 feet of barrier. You can also use non-VCI greaseproof stretchable wrap, NSN 8135-00-753-4661, and add CORTEX Cor-Pak I-MUL VCI packets, NSN 6850-01-470-2737, at one per cubic foot inside the wrap. The NSN is not on FED LOG, but you can order it through GSA. You get a carton of 300 packets for \$242.

Place the weapons in weather-resistant fiberboard boxes. Put filler material like bubble wrap in the boxes to prevent weapons from shifting during travel. Tape all open box seams and edges to prevent VCI from escaping the box and water and sand from getting in.

Get boxes for the MK19 with NSN 8115-00-190-5015 and boxes for the M2 with NSN 8115-00-579-8461.

If you need NSNs for more packing materials and boxes, see Pages 56-60 in PS 596 (Jul 02). The article is on the PS website at:

[http://www.logsa.army.mil/pub/psissues/ps\\_596.pdf](http://www.logsa.army.mil/pub/psissues/ps_596.pdf)

If you need racks to ship the weapons in, see Pages 16-17 in PS 619 (Jun 04) for rack NSNs. It's on the Internet at

[http://www.logsa.army.mil/pub/psissues/ps\\_619.pdf](http://www.logsa.army.mil/pub/psissues/ps_619.pdf)

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M16-Series Rifle, M4/M4A1 Carbine...

## Is There a Cleaning Kit NSN?



Dear Half-Mast,

We've heard that there's an NSN that brings the entire cleaning kit for the M16-series rifle and M4/M4A1 carbine. Is there?

SFC K.M.

Dear Sergeant K.M.,

No, there is not an NSN for a cleaning kit. Commercial cleaning kits exist but lack a rigid cleaning rod. Without a cleaning rod, you have no way of dealing with a spent cartridge in the chamber. Use the NSNs in the back of TM 9-1005-319-10 to order the tools and supplies you need for cleaning M16s and M4s.

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