



Dear Half-Mast,

We cannot find a substitute for battery, BA-1391/U, NSN 6135-00-935-2532, which is no longer in the supply system. We have an IM-174A/PD radiac that uses three of these batteries. What should we do?

SGT L.N.

Dear Sergeant L.N.,

Get rid of the IM-174A/PD! It's as obsolete as Pac-Man. To replace it, order the AN/VDR-2, NSN 6665-01-222-1425, now, and when one becomes available, it will be shipped to you. It works with a common 9-volt battery.

Check around your shop. You may already have the AN/VDR-2 and just failed to turn in the IM-174A!

One more word on this: there is another variety of the IM-174A that uses a D-cell battery. Also, the IM-174B uses a D-cell battery. If you have one of these and it is working well, keep using it. But when it goes kaput, order the AN/VDR-2.

In any case, just be sure to update your MTOE so you're authorized to have the AN/VDR-2 when it becomes available.

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