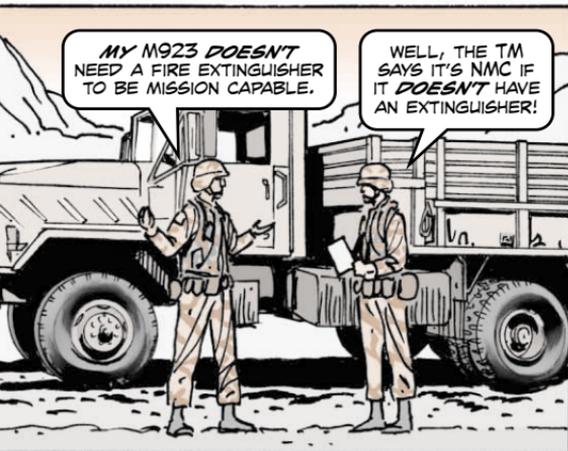


# MISSION CAPABLE OR NOT?



Dear Half-Mast,

I have an M923 5-ton truck that's missing a fire extinguisher. This is an Authorized Additional Item, not a BII item. PS 584, Page 60, tells me it's *NOT* essential and therefore the truck is FULLY MISSION CAPABLE, unless it's hauling passengers or flammables.

However, the TM 9-2320-272-10 PMCS, item 14, shows it NMC if the fire extinguisher is missing. I maintain that entry is there for the wrecker, but my quality assurance folks disagree.

What is PS Magazine's opinion? FMC or NMC?

M.R.

Dear Mr. M.R.,

You've asked a good question, and the answer is your vehicle is fully mission capable without the fire extinguisher. TACOM provided this response:

"The 5-ton truck team agrees with PS 584 and TM 9-2320-272-10, PMCS Table 2-3, Item 10, as currently written. The NOTE preceding Item 10 refers to the M934 expansible van and the M936 wrecker. The NMC criteria in the right hand column of Table 2-3 pertain only to the M934 and M936 described above."

*Half-Mast*