

# MANY SMALL ARMS PARTS NO LONGER CONTROLLED INVENTORY



**I**n the early 90s, the Army had trouble with small arms repair parts accountability.

To fix that, the Army made repair parts controlled inventory, which meant the parts had to be kept in locked containers behind double barrier protection with controlled access.

That made it difficult for armorers to get the parts they needed to make repairs to their weapons. The Army recognized this and over the past few years has **reclassified** many small arms repair parts with a Controlled Inventory Item Code of U (unclassified), which means these parts can be stocked and stored without the accountability and storage restrictions.

The Army also said Para 2-24b of AR 710-2, which states "bench stocks are authorized for all maintenance activities," applies to **all organizational motor pools and arms rooms** as well as direct support shops. In other words, **armorers can stock any unclassified small arms repair parts that qualify as bench stock in the arms room.**

Armorers don't need to search for what repair parts can be ordered as bench stock for each weapon. CW2 Robert Philyaw of B Co, 2d FSB, 2ID in Iraq has compiled a list of repair parts armorers can order broken down by weapon. You can access the list at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/1513941>

All of these parts can be stocked on unit PLL.