

Generators...



ASK and You Might Receive

Dear Half-Mast,
We're looking for some replacement parts for our acoustic suppression kits (ASKs) on our small Mil-Std generators. Are any parts still available?
SGT R. J. A.

Dear Sergeant R. J. A.,
We went to the expert on ASKs for this answer. He's .
Write down his phone number, DSN 992-7122 or (732) 532-7122, and his email:

@us.army.mil

If you have any other questions after we tell you what said, get in touch with him.

Okay, so here's the scoop on ASKs.

ASKs were bought in the 1980s as an interim fix for a field requirement to quiet existing generator sets. ASKs were used on 3-, 5-, 10-, 15- and 30-KWs.

At the time, very few spare parts were planned for the ASKs because it was expected that the kits would outlast the generators.

In 1993, the first tactical quiet generators (TQGs) hit the field and were meant to replace Mil-Std generators.

So, with the Mil-Std generators now all worn out or replaced by TQGs, there should be no call for ASK parts.

Right?

Wrong!

The Mil-Std generators have hung tough and many are still out there and being used. And, they have outlasted their ASKs. So what now?

HERE ARE THE OPTIONS BY THE NUMBERS...



1. If you have a 5- or 10-KW you may still be able to get a complete ASK. Get in touch with to find out.
2. If you have a 3-, 15-, or 30-KW, there are no more complete ASKs, but there may be some parts available. Get in touch with to find out.
3. You can remove the ASKs on the 3-, 5-, and 10-KWs and the generators will still run—just louder! (Wear that hearing protection!)
4. You can remove the ASKs on the 15- and 30-KWs, but you must replace the exterior panels. They were removed on these generators when the ASKs were installed. New panels can be fabricated. has the drawings and the installation info.
5. Finally, Mil-Std generators will be gone shortly. So, make sure your repair effort is proportional to the expected life of the generator.