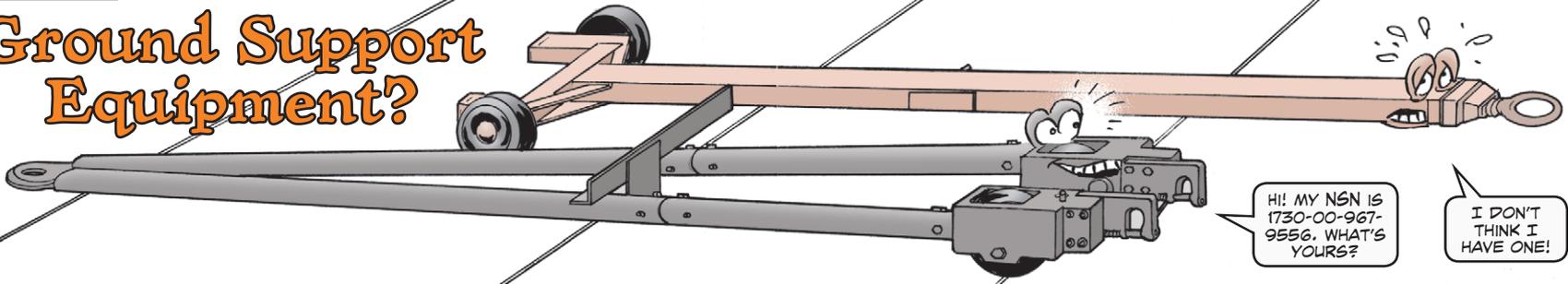


Ground Support Equipment?



Dear Sergeant Blade,

In our hangar, we have different types of aviation ground support equipment (AGSE). If something breaks down, we try to find an NSN for replacement parts or the end item in FED LOG. But often they are nowhere to be found.

For example, we have a tow bar used for aircraft, but can't find an NSN in the system for it or any replacement parts. Most of the time, we have to ask you for help. What's up?

SSG F. J.
Ft Hood, TX

Dear Sergeant F.J.,

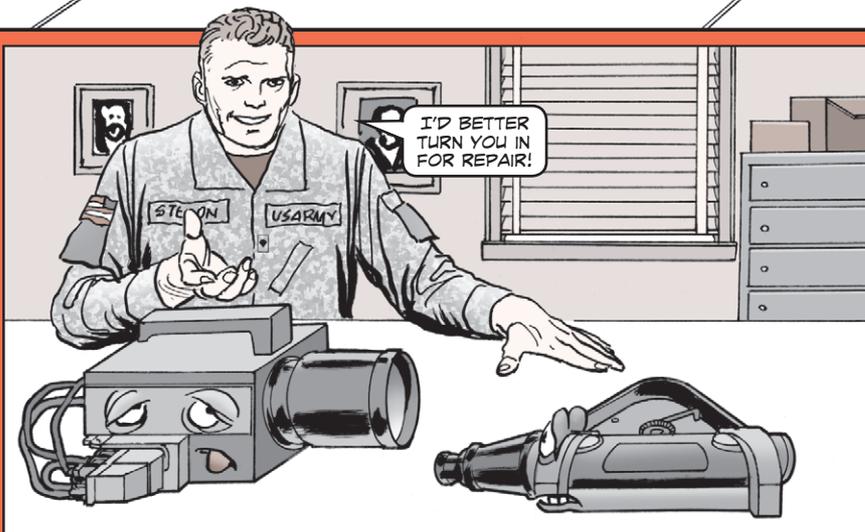
There is a standard tow bar available on FED LOG. Use NSN 1730-00-967-9556. But for other AGSE, you won't find an NSN because they are locally procured items used and maintained by contractors rather than soldiers.

In some cases, based on how the government contract is written, it's the contractor's responsibility to locally procure items and bill the government. Therefore, it's not a requirement for contractor equipment to have assigned NSNs.

Aviation units are allowed to locally purchase items such as AGSE, too. So no requirement to assign an NSN exists for those items or repair parts. It becomes the unit's responsibility to get repair parts.

NSNs are assigned by commodity commands, such as AMCOM, when they procure a new piece of AGSE or any other equipment based on a developer's requirements.

Rotor Blade



TURN IN UNSERVICEABLE TEST GEAR

The digitizer, radio meter and the A-tools for the electronic equipment test facility (EETF) are in short supply.

If you have unserviceable A-tools, NSN 5120-01-285-9806, or radio meters, NSN 5895-01-292-6533, turn them in ASAP.

Notify the Redstone Arsenal Sustainment Support Center (SSC) that you have these items and they will send you a self-addressed container to ship the components at no cost to the unit.

If you have questions, need a self-addressed container or further information, contact (256) 313-2769, cell (256) 468-4455, or email:

@us.army.mil

Or you can turn them in through normal supply channels. Either way, you'll help the SSC have serviceable components on hand to keep the EETF mission ready.

Ship the components to:

U.S. Army Sustainment Support Center (SSC)
Attn: AMSRD-AMR-SE-ES-SS

Building 3460, Aerobee Road
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