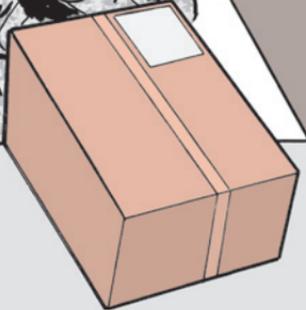
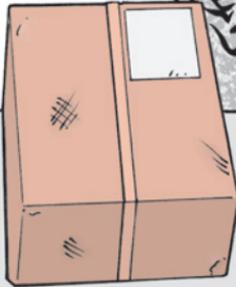
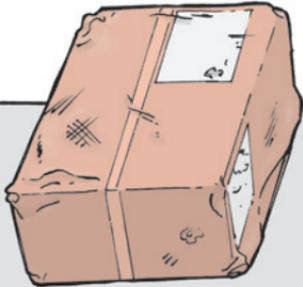


Maintenance  
Management...

HOW CAN PARTS ARRIVE  
IN SUCH DIFFERENT  
CONDITIONS?

# Shipment Packaging and Labeling



PACKAGING AND LABELING AREN'T JUST HUMDRUM ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS; THEY ARE CRITICAL IN THE DELIVERY OF PARTS AND SUPPLIES TO SOLDIERS EVERYWHERE.

LET'S SHED SOME LIGHT ON THIS ISSUE.

PACKAGES, LARGE AND SMALL, ARE DELIVERED TO UNITS REGULARLY.

BUT NOT ALL SHIPMENTS ARRIVE IN THE **SAME CONDITION.**



HEY!  
THAT'S  
HOW  
I GOT  
'EM!!

SQUEAK SQUEAK

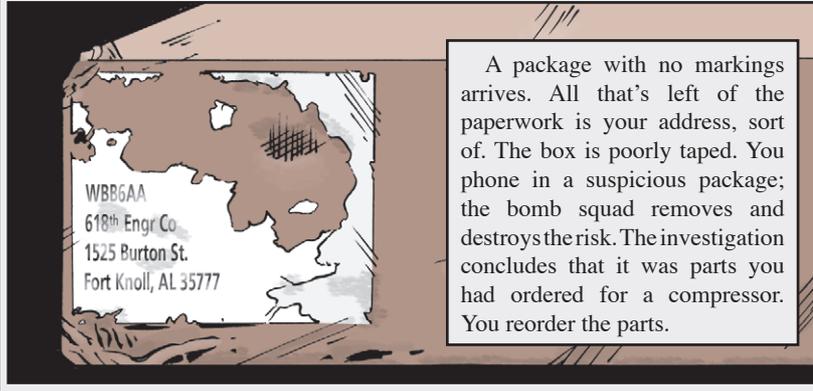
PACKAGING AND LABELING ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE RIGHT PARTS, ARRIVING AT THE RIGHT UNIT, IN A USABLE CONDITION.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING...



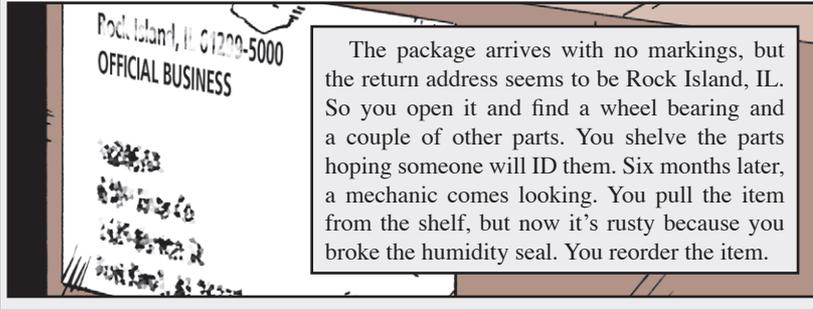
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### What Is It?



A package with no markings arrives. All that's left of the paperwork is your address, sort of. The box is poorly taped. You phone in a suspicious package; the bomb squad removes and destroys the risk. The investigation concludes that it was parts you had ordered for a compressor. You reorder the parts.

### Open It Anyway



The package arrives with no markings, but the return address seems to be Rock Island, IL. So you open it and find a wheel bearing and a couple of other parts. You shelve the parts hoping someone will ID them. Six months later, a mechanic comes looking. You pull the item from the shelf, but now it's rusty because you broke the humidity seal. You reorder the item.

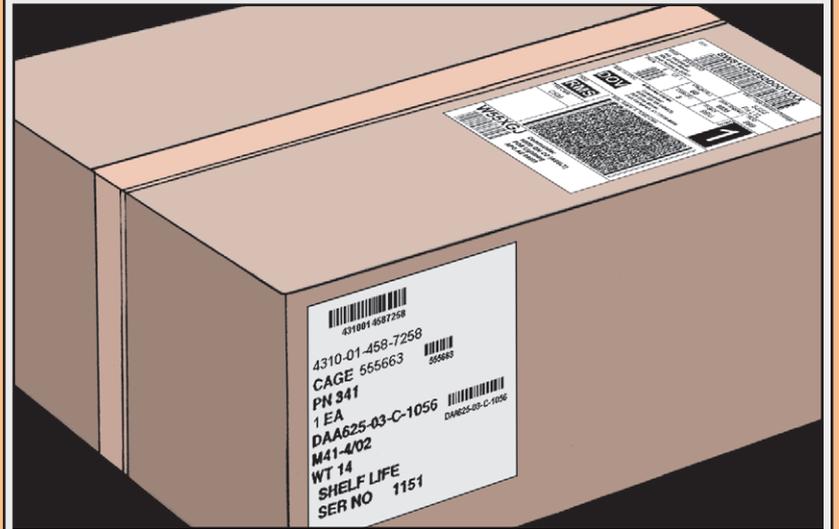
### Research and Eliminate



The battalion S4 driver delivers a package. Someone's written the NSN on the box but there's no nomenclature. The numbers are: 4310- or 4318- (the ink's smeared), 01-458- and either 1256, 1258, 7256 or 7258.

The FSC has to be 4310 because 4318 isn't valid. You check the NIIN in FED LOG and find four NSNs: 5895-01-458-1256, 4820-01-458-7256, 5945-01-458-1258, and 4310-01-458-7258, the compressor repair kit. Bingo! You tell the motor sergeant the part is in. A mechanic goes to install it, but it's missing three springs! You reorder the kit.

### Packaging As it Ought to Be



You get a package clearly marked as NSN 4310-01-458-7258, a compressor repair kit. You scan the bar code, the receipt is automatically posted, the requisition is closed, and the mechanic repairs the compressor.

You can give your shipments their best shot at getting to where they're going by following Military Standard 129, *Military Marking for Shipment and Storage*. The standard is available from the Defense Logistics Management Standards Office website: <http://www.dla.mil/j-6/dlms/elibary/Manuals/milstds.asp>

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON MIL-STD-129, CALL LOGSA PSCC (570)895-7105, OR EMAIL: [toby.pt@us.army.mil](mailto:toby.pt@us.army.mil).

