

CLEAN UP WITH HAND SANITIZER

Purell hand sanitizer can be locally purchased using NSN 6508-01-535-5409. This NSN brings twenty-four 3 fl oz bottles in foliage green. The containers are built to withstand heat and can be opened with one hand. The sanitizer kills 99.99 percent of most common germs.

M1-Series Tank Gun Tube

Got an M256 gun tube on your M1-series tank that's deemed unserviceable because of pitting, erosion or round count? Here's what to do. Regular Army units should fill out a DA Form 2765-1 and submit it to your Supply Support Activity (SSA). Army National Guard Units should turn the form in to their United States Property Fiscal Office (USFPO). Then, don't forget to update the electronic DA Form 2408-4 with re-tube information:

<https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/guncard/index.cfm>

While you're there, make sure you annotate that the old tube was sent to DRMO for demil.

ADDRESS CHANGE FOR MORTAR HELP DESK

The TMs for the M95/M96 mortar fire control system (MFCs), and M32 lightweight handheld mortar ballistic computer (LHMBC) give an assistance email address in their "Reporting Software and Hardware" sections. That address has changed to:

pica.mfchelp@conus.army.mil

Only hardware and software questions about these three systems should be sent there. Send all other mortar questions to:

ROCK-TACOM-MORTAR-SYSTEMS@conus.army.mil

or call DSN 793-1279/(309) 782-1279. Copy these changes into your TMs.

VACUUM SEALER AND BAGS

ALSE techs, there are some items that need to be protected in a heat-sealed vacuum-packed bag. If you need a vacuum sealer, order it with NSN 3450-01-386-2478. NSN 8105-01-381-6365 brings an 8 x 240-in roll of bag material and NSN 8105-01-381-6374 brings an 11 x 240-in roll of bag material.

M1A1 RTNB Subassembly

Mechanics, if you're trying to order the subassembly (Item 16A in Fig 140 of TM 9-2350-264-24P-2) for the M1A1's redesigned turret networks box (RTNB), stop! Although it appears you can order it with NSN 6625-01-547-4335, the subassembly was never stocked. The correct SMR code for the subassembly is XAOFF, which means you should order the next higher assembly. That's the complete RTNB in shipping and storage container, NSN 5975-01-537-3765, shown as Item 15 in Fig 140. Make a note until the TM can be updated.

Up-Armored HMMWV A/C Compressor

Need the NSN for your M1151, M1152, and M1165 up-armored HMMWV's air conditioner compressor shown as Item 3 in Fig 276G of TM 9-2320-387-24P? Place your order using NSN 4130-01-539-6297. And make a note until the TM is updated.

SECM Compressor NSN Change

If you have SECM (shop equipment contact maintenance), NSN 4940-01-333-8471, the NSN for its three-phase air compressor has changed from 4310-01-432-9655 (PN 11B297018) to 4310-01-550-2779 (PN 11B297018). If you have SECM, NSN 4940-01-333-8470, with the single-phase air compressor, continue to order the compressor with NSN 4310-01-432-9655 (PN 11B257019). Questions? Contact TACOM's at (309) 782-0633, DSN 793-0633, email @us.army.mil

Explosion-Proof Flashlights

Working in an area where there's risk of explosion from flammable vapors, POL, ammunition, explosives or combustible dusts? Need a light that's safe to use in these areas?

GSA has explosion-proof flashlights that are up to the task. NSN 6230-00-299-3035 brings an 8 1/4-in hard plastic flashlight. NSN 6230-01-413-8296 brings a head lamp with an adjustable hard hat headband.

To order or for more information, go to the GSA Advantage website:

<https://www.gsadvantage.gov/>

Maintenance on the MCU

On Pages 35-37 in PS 651 (Feb 07), we gave you the Dos and Don'ts of the microclimate cooling system (MCU). For those authorized to do maintenance on the MCU, you can now order propylene glycol in one gallon containers with NSN 6810-01-181-7121.

STRYKER TOW BAR REVISITED

On Page 2 of PS 664 (Mar 08), we told you to use NSN 2540-01-517-9227 to get a two-piece tow bar wide enough to use with slat armor-equipped Strykers. Turns out that tow bar is a non-stocked TACOM item and all requisitions are being rejected. Single Stock Fund requests also cannot be supported, but those requisitions must be cancelled by the customer.

Each brigade receives a number of tow bars at Initial Fielding. You can get extras only by submitting a Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR) through PM Stryker BCT. The POC is , DSN 786-2103, (586) 753-2103, or email:

@us.army.mil

The Stryker tow bar will eventually be transferred to DLA for management, at which time it will be available through the supply system. Stay tuned to PS for word on when the transfer is official.

TAIL WHEEL LOCK ACTUATOR PIN

We told you on page 35 of PS 665 (Apr 07) that if the quick release pin is not in place before towing your AH-64, the tail wheel lock actuator will shear. That's not quite correct. It is the tail wheel lock pin that will shear. Make sure the quick-release pin is in place.

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Would You Stake Your Life ^{right now} on the Condition of Your Equipment?