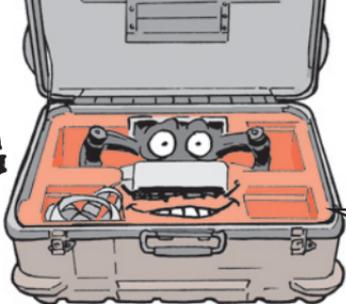


# THE CASE OF THE MISSING NSN



AHH... THIS IS MORE LIKE IT.

LAST TIME I WAS SENT IN A CARDBOARD BOX AND IT RESULTED IN A BIG REPAIR BILL!

Dear Editor,

I work in the Javelin direct support shop at Ft Lewis where we often see damaged command launch units (CLU) because they are not kept in their protective cases.

The components usually broken are the hand grips, the crossbar, and the a-focal cover. Repairs can add up to big dollars.

When we tell units they need to keep CLUs in their cases where they're protected with padding, they tell us they've lost the case and don't know how to get a replacement.

PS would be doing a big favor for Javelin folks if you gave them the NSNs for the cases.

SGT  
296th MSB  
Ft Lewis, WA

*Editor's note:* We're glad to do that favor.

*For the M98A1, order a case with NSN 8145-01-442-8471 (PN 13305402-509). For the M98A2, order a case with NSN 8145-01-551-5310 (PN 13305402-819).*

MLRS...

# HOW MANY RATCHET STRAPS?

Dear Half-Mast,

We are required to use ratchet straps when we carry MLRS missile pods on the back of trucks. We think we're supposed to use ratchet straps rated for 10,000 pounds, but the only NSN we can find is for straps rated for 5,000 pounds. Can you help?

SSG M.S.

Dear Sergeant M.S.,

Sure can. You can use either 5,000- or 10,000-lb straps. If you use 5,000-lb ones, you need to use eight straps. If you use 10,000-lb straps, use four. NSN 3990-01-204-3009 brings straps rated for 10,000 pounds.

Use either four 10,000-lb straps or eight 5,000-lb straps

*Half-Mast*

