

HOLE HASSLE

YOU MEAN I'VE GOT PUNCH NEW HOLES IN *ALL* OF THESE?



Dear Half-Mast,

My unit recently received logbook-sized HMMWV operator's manuals, TM 9-2320-280-10, with only three holes punched. In the past, logbook-sized TMs were punched with five holes.

With five holes, the TMs could be placed in a binder made for logbooks or in one for full-sized manuals. Logbooks with only three holes won't fit in the logbook-sized binders.

We had two solutions to fix this problem. We could either take our TM apart and punch the missing holes to make it fit the log binder, a time issue. Or we could buy new binders that fit the logbooks with three holes, a money issue.

To avoid having to do this in the future, can we just get the TMs with five holes punched?

SGT T.K.D.

Dear Sergeant T.K.D.,

It's possible. What you experienced happened because the Army decided to save money by punching only three holes in your TMs.

A unit can't order a TM with five holes, but the managing command can request more holes on their DA Form 260, Request for Publishing. The Army Publishing Directorate will honor their request. But this won't happen automatically.

Submit a DA Form 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms, requesting the five holes that you need in your TM and changes. Then the command can request those extra two holes for future prints.

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