

NEW RHINO TESTING BOX

You may have noticed that new Rhino systems are coming equipped with a health and status monitor (go/no go) box that allows vehicle operators to test Rhinos during pre-combat checks. The new box, developed by Letterkenny Army Depot, shows power and operational readiness so you can make sure your Rhino is fully operational.

But units can't get the testing box for currently fielded systems just yet because supplies are limited. We'll let you know how and when you can order the box.

AVIATION MACHINE GUNS

All Black Hawk and Chinook units should have the new M240H aviation machine gun. The M240H replaced the old M60D gun. Units that do not have the new guns should contact the TACOM-RI headshed to get them. You can call DSN 793-6303, or commercial, (309) 782-6303.

BRADLEY FAN DRIVE PROP SHAFTS

Mechanics, some Bradleys have engine cooling fan drive propeller shaft U-joints, NSN 2530-01-151-7825, with grease fittings that require semiannual lubing. However, some newer U-joint versions are sealed and don't require servicing. You need to eyeball the U-joints to see which U-joint you have. The next update to the -20 technical manuals will show both types.

M2 Trigger Block MWO

You can prevent accidental firing of your M2 machine gun by installing a trigger block kit, NSN 1005-01-414-9706, as called for in MWO 9-1005-213-30-1. The kit consists of a trigger block, one flat spring, two shoulder screws and safety wire. Your direct support can install the trigger block. Priority for the kits will be given to deploying units. For more information on the MWO, contact TACOM-RI's MWO Coordinator at DSN 793-1054, (309) 782-1054, or email:

@us.army.mil

For M2 questions, contact TACOM-RI's

at DSN 793-2108, (309) 782-2108 or email:

@us.army.mil

OCIE PCS Shipments

There are two ways you can ship your retained issue OCIE. You can ship it: **to arrive with your household goods shipment, or as a separate freight shipment to arrive before your household goods shipment.** In either case, get your clothing record from your AKO MY CLOTHING link:

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/230892>

Use the AKO clothing record as a packing list for your retained issue OCIE. Separate these items from other goods and use a lockable duffel bag or container. Make sure the transportation office and the mover know you are shipping OCIE as Professional Books, Papers, and Equipment.

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