



Protect the Commander's Password!

The commander's password for the Standard Army Maintenance System—Enhanced (SAMS-E) prevents ordinary users from making decisions requiring commander-level authority.

The authority for the commander's password lies in DA PAM 750-8, *The Army Maintenance Management System Users Manual*, paragraphs 1-1 and 1-5.

In addition, paragraphs 2.17-1 and 3-9.b (1) in AR 750-1, the *Army Materiel Maintenance Policy*, specify that commanders are responsible for oversight of their maintenance operations. The commander's password ensures that maintenance activities are approved by senior leadership.

Some commanders may be annoyed by having to create and use yet another password, especially when their schedule is full. But, the password helps protect commanders and SAMS-E from these and other problems:

- Crucial unit parameters and data could be reset, wreaking havoc with associated processes like the Army Materiel Status System (AMSS). AMSS is critical in tracking equipment readiness.
- Unauthorized switching from unit-to-unit within multiple-unit systems could cause a ripple effect, with data errors flowing across many units.
- Deadlined equipment or unsafe vehicles could be dispatched, placing lives and equipment at risk.



REMEMBER, COMMANDERS, YOUR SAMS-E PASSWORD PROTECTS YOU AND YOUR UNIT.

BE SURE TO CREATE ONE AND USE IT CORRECTLY.

AND DON'T SHARE IT WITH ANYONE ELSE!