



WHAT ABOUT MEL?

Dear Half-Mast,

I work in a DS maintenance shop repairing night vision goggles (NVG). One of my co-workers asked me if there were any maintenance expenditure limits (MEL) on NVGs. I looked in the TB, but it's not very clear. What's the true word on MEL for NVGs?

S.M.Y.

Dear S.M.Y.,

Night vision goggles belong to federal supply class (FSC) 5855. The MEL for that supply class was once covered in TB 43-0002-11. But since the 1 Oct 2003 edition of the TB, that supply class has been dropped! There no longer is a MEL for NVGs.

So, all NVGs under FSC 5855 need to be repaired to the -10/20 standard in accordance with their applicable TM no matter the cost. Well, not quite all. If the NVG has been really, really smashed or burned up or battle damaged beyond repair, then don't try to repair it.

If you need further clarification on this subject, contact Robert Esposito, at CECOM LCMC, by calling DSN 987-5908 or (732) 427-5908, or by email

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MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE LIMITS  
FEDERAL SUPPLY GROUPS

36,38,39,45,49,54,58,59,61,  
66,67,69,74,81

FEDERAL SUPPLY CLASSES

5805,5815,5820, 5821,5825,5826, 5830,5831, 5835,5840,  
5841,5845, 5850,5860, 5865, 5895, 5905,5910, 5915,  
5920,5925,5930,5935, 5940,5945,5950,5955, 5960,5961,  
5962, 5965, 5970,5975,5977, 5985,5990,5995, 5999, 6125,  
6130,6135,6140,6145,6615,6625, 6660,6695,6710,6720,  
6730,6740, 6750, 6760,6770,6780, 6940, 7450, 8130

NVGs were once covered here

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