

# Include TBs in TM Libraries!



Dear Editor,

In PS 677 (Apr 09), there was an article about HMMWV spare tire carrier parts. You gave us parts information for the spare tire carrier, but failed to tell your readers that there is a publication which covers the spare tire carrier and other HMMWV parts. It's TB 9-2320-335-13&P.

We would've had problems finding parts for the M1151 had we not set up our unit's initial TM library. We did this for the first ever Agri-Business Development Team (ADT), which deployed to Afghanistan in January 2008.

The maintenance field is so used to going to a TM that they have forgotten the technical bulletins (TB). More and more information is included in TBs, especially as newer vehicles are fielded.

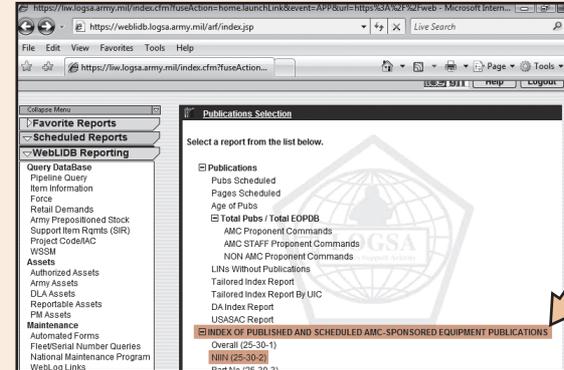
TM library maintainers can get a fairly complete listing of the publications they need for a vehicle by going to LOGSA's Logistics Information Warehouse:

<https://liw.logsa.army.mil>

After gaining access, they'll need to click on **WebLIDB** in the center column. In the left side column is the **WebLIDB Reporting** menu.

- Under the **Publications** subsection, click on **Publications Selections**
- Scroll down the right-hand column to the **Index of Published and Scheduled AMC-Sponsored Equipment Publications**.

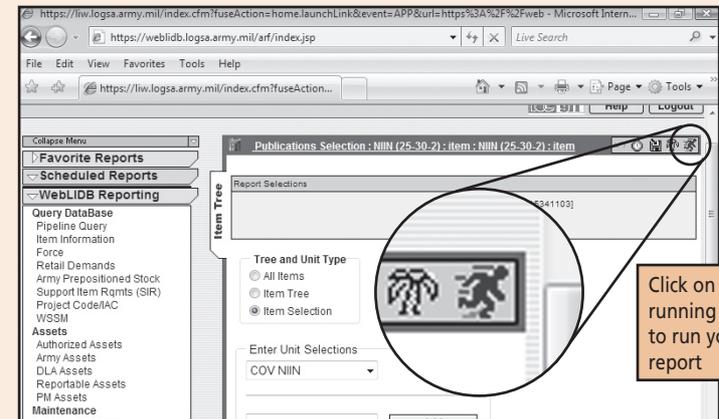
There are several ways to search for publications, but we suggest searching by **NIIN**.



Click on the **NIIN (25-30-2)** link. Wait for the link to come up and click **yes** for the secure/non-secure question. Note that the next item has three selections. Select **Item Selection** under the **Tree and Unit Type**.

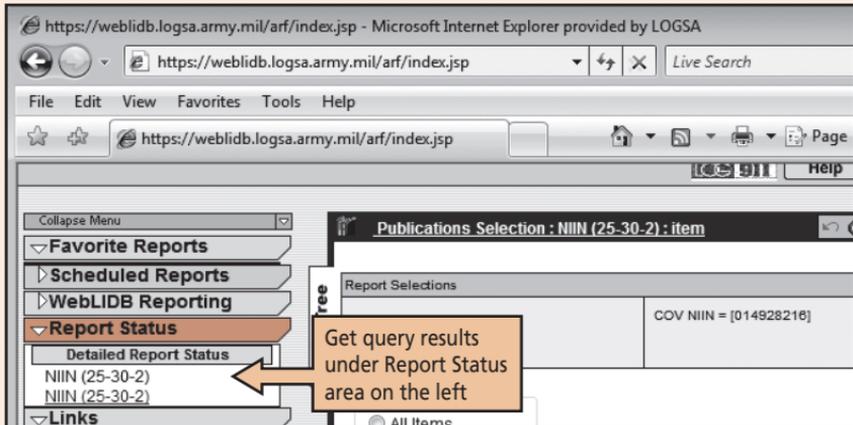
Next, put the **NIIN** in the rectangle just to the left of the **Add** button. Then click **Add**. If the **NIIN** is accepted and placed in the square to the left of the **Delete**, **Clear All**, and **File** buttons, go to the upper right-hand side of the screen.

Click on the **running man**.



The running man is the blue icon of a man running that's found in the upper right-hand corner. It seems like nothing is happening after you click on the man, but a report is generating in the background.

Go to the far left-hand side of the screen and scroll down until you find the "Report Status" area. If you're quick enough, you'll see a lightly-colored report title appear under Detailed Report Status.



This lightly-colored text means the report is still running. Once the text turns black, the report is done.

Click on the report title to see what TMs, TBs and other publications are available in the system.

Every piece of equipment in the field (especially in Iraq and Afghanistan) doesn't necessarily have a TM in the normal Army system. Most of the "newly" fielded vehicles have COTS (commercial-off-the-shelf) manuals and, like you mentioned in PS 678 (May 2009), some of those manuals can be found on SustainNet.

Another article in that PS issue stressed the importance of leaders realizing that maintenance and supply personnel need current clearances so they can access the secure sites required to do their jobs. We agree with that, and experienced it with the TM library set-up.

We hope this letter helps other Soldiers.

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*Editor's note: Thanks for the library of knowledge, Sergeants. We're thrilled you pay close attention to PS, yet another TB.*

