

Is Tool Engraving OK?

TIME FOR YOUR ENGRAVING!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BIG FELLA!

IF YOU ENGRAVE ME, YOU KILL MY WARRANTY!



Dear Half-Mast,

Is there a requirement to engrave information like the unit identification code on tools? I can't find any information in the regulations on this.

CW2 D.W.

Dear Chief D.W.,

Not only is there no requirement to engrave information on tools, but you definitely *shouldn't* do it. Most of the tools the Army buys are guaranteed for life, which means if they're broken or damaged they're replaced free of charge. But engraving voids that great tool warranty. Engraving destroys the tools' protective surface, which lets corrosion gain a foothold. That can lead to the tool fracturing.

If you need to mark a tool, use paint or ink. But no engraving.

Half-Mast

BDAR Emergency Field Kits Available

A BDAR emergency field kit is available that helps with situations requiring quick bundling, securing, fastening, or clamping.

The kit also eliminates or reduces wiring harness cuts or failures caused by bad P-clamps. The kit contains different types of ties that can be used in a variety of ways.

The kit includes:

- heavy duty mounts
- dual clamp ties
- cable ties
- edge clips and ties
- hose clamps

The kit, which is a Class 9 item, comes with NSN 5325-01-559-2722 and costs \$138. NSN 5325-01-575-1573 brings an emergency kit with fewer parts for \$86.