



Dear Sergeant Blade,

For some time now the communication earplug (CEP), NSN 5965-01-504-0077, on our HGU-56/P, aircrew integrated helmet system (AHS) keeps cutting in and out. After trying a number of CEPs, we still have the same problem. Do you know what's going on?

CW3 J.L.

Dear Chief J.L.,

As a matter of fact, I do. In an effort to reduce ALSE workload and eliminate some difficult solder joints, PM Air Warrior requested the manufacturer integrate the CEP helmet wiring harness into the HGU-56/P. However, the initial design had a flaw which resulted in helmet wiring harness failures.

The problem has been identified and a fix is in the works. That's the good news. The bad news is that there are still a lot of bad integrated communication cords in the supply system. The NSN for a new harness is NSN 5995-01-519-9234.

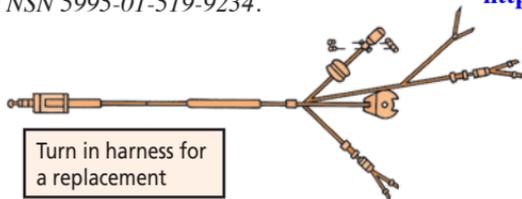
If you have a helmet that has a bad factory-installed harness, the manufacturers will honor their warranty and replace one bad harness with a new updated harness. Send to:

Gentex Corporation
 Attn: Carlo Pisa
 324 Main Street
 Carbondale, PA 18407

Make sure you mark the package with "customer return number 18407." Delivery time of the harness is based on availability.

For additional information, go to their website:

<http://www.gentexcorp.com>



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