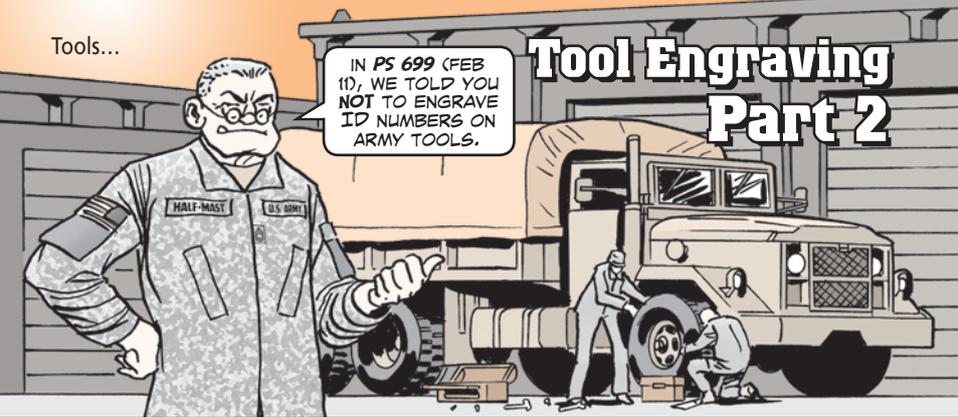


IN PS 699 (FEB 11), WE TOLD YOU NOT TO ENGRAVE ID NUMBERS ON ARMY TOOLS.

## Tool Engraving Part 2



Why? Many Army tools have a lifetime warranty, which means they're replaced for free if they're damaged or broken. In some cases, engraving or laser etching ID numbers on tools voids that warranty. So that means if something goes wrong with the tool, you could be stuck with the replacement cost.

Several readers wrote to PS that you should definitely engrave ID numbers on tools to help keep track of them. One reader pointed out that TC 3-04-7, *Army Aviation Maintenance*, says: "Paint, etch, tape, or mark all tools for easy identification during inventories."

But, unfortunately, that doesn't change the fact engraving or etching tools may void their lifetime warranty.

One possible solution is to pay the tool's manufacturer to engrave the ID numbers on the tools. That leaves the warranty in effect. And it turns out some tool manufacturers say it's OK to engrave or etch the tools without affecting the warranty.

So when you're considering the best way to ID your tools, first check with the manufacturer to see if engraving the tools will affect the warranty. If it will, ask the manufacturer what they charge for doing the engraving. If that's more than you want to pay, you're left with the alternatives of painting or taping the ID number on the tool. Some units are also putting bar codes on tools.

Not sure which of your tool sets have lifetime warranties? PS 655 (June 07) listed many of the sets, kits and outfits (SKO) that have lifetime warranties. You can view the story at:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2007/655/655-28-29.pdf>

For more current SKO info, go to:

<https://pmskot.army.mil/>

HELLO, ACME TOOLS? DO YOUR WRENCHES HAVE LIFETIME WARRANTIES? YES? OK, DOES ENGRAVING THEM AFFECT THE WARRANTY?



## Replacing Tools Under Warranty

If you do break a tool that's under warranty through normal use, you can usually get it replaced within a couple of business days. Here's how:

- Go to the PM SKOT link on the previous page.
- Click on CONTINUE and then on REPLACEMENT/WARRANTY. That brings you to the link that has both tool warranty and replacement links. For a warranty claim, click on the warranty link and enter the requested info.

If you need to replace a tool broken through abuse or one that's been lost or stolen, get it through the replacement process. That way PM SKOT can give you worldwide Army support. Click on the replacement link and enter the tool and credit card or MIPR info. If you don't have a unit credit card, click on the PM SKOT link for further instructions.

If you have tool questions of any kind, call toll free 1-877-4PM-SKOT (1-877-476-7568) or email: [DAMI\\_PM-SKOT@conus.army.mil](mailto:DAMI_PM-SKOT@conus.army.mil)

## Tool Warranty Often Good for Marines

NO PROBLEM, BUDDY! MY LIFETIME WARRANTY APPLIES TO THE MARINE CORPS, TOO!



Dear Half-Mast,

I have read in PS that many of the Army's sets, kits and outfits (SKO) have lifetime warranties that will provide replacement of tools that break during normal use. I was wondering if the warranty also applies to tools the Marines purchase through PM SKOT.

SFC M.B.

Dear Sergeant First Class M.B.,

Yes, the warranty is good for tools Marines purchase through PM SKOT. But Marines cannot purchase all the SKOs available through PM SKOT. To see which SKOs are authorized for Marines, check USMC Supply Instruction (SI) 10510-OR (publication control number 16410510000), which is online:

<https://pubs.logcom.usmc.mil/front.htm>

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