

Jack Stands...

I WONDER
WHERE I CAN
FIND HOW TO
CHECK YOU OUT
FOR SAFETY?

GOSH!
YOU DON'T
KNOW JACK
ABOUT JACK
STANDS!

BETTER GET
A COPY OF
TB 43-0156!

WHERE ARE INSPECTION CRITERIA?

Dear Half-Mast,

Where do you find criteria for making sure jack stands are safe? We just aren't sure and jack stands are not something you want to take chances with.

Mr. H.W.

Dear Mr. H.W.,

TB 43-0156, Safety Inspection and Operation of Vehicle Support Stand, has the word on checking out 5- and 7-ton jack stands, but you can also use its PMCS for the 10-ton stand. The TB is at the LOGSA ETM website:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/welcom1.cfm>

It's a good idea to stencil the jack stand capacity on at least two places on the stand. The capacity is supposed to be stamped on the jack stand, but sometimes it's been painted over. It's also a good idea to stencil the date of the last inspection on the jack stand so you can easily tell when the six-month limit for the next inspection has been reached.

For more info on jack stand maintenance, check out Pages 7-9 of PS 704 (Jul 11):

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2011/704/704-07-09.pdf>

Half-Mast

Unmarked jack stands can be overloaded

