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MARKING RUINS PROTRACTORS!

Dear Editor,

I work at the Army's TMDE Activity Europe. We have had problems with units marking or engraving the PRO 360 and PRO 3600 digital protractors (NSN 5210-01-494-0899 and NSN 5210-01-418-0671).

They turn in the protractors to us for calibration, but we can't calibrate them because they've either engraved their unit ID or serial number on the protractor's measuring surface or applied a bar code with a thick protective covering. Doing either ruins the protractor. And at around \$400 and \$600, the two protractors aren't cheap.

If you must mark your ID on the protractors, do it only on the *back* of the protractor. Keep markings away from measuring areas.

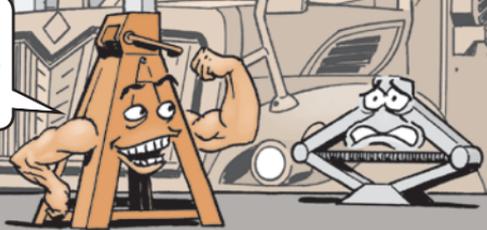
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Editor's note: Marking the measuring surface of a protractor is like plugging up your M16's barrel. Don't do it.

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STRONGER JACK STANDS AVAILABLE?

YOU'RE NO GOOD FOR MRAPS, ONLY JACKS LIKE ME CAN HANDLE 'EM!



Dear Half-Mast,

With all the heavy up-armored vehicles that have been added to the Army inventory, are there any jack stands available that can handle these vehicles?

W.O.

Dear Mr. W.O.,

Yes indeed. You can order a jack stand for around \$150 that works with MRAP, supports up to 40,000 pounds and can be adjusted from 30 to 52 inches. Use PN KTC S10001 to order the jack stand with a credit card or MIPR at:

<http://pmskot.army.mil>

Half-Mast