

HOW TO FIND MANUFACTURER INFO!

MAN, LIFE WOULD BE A LOT EASIER IF I HAD ACCESS TO A DATABASE THAT LINKED LINS TO MANUFACTURERS!



Dear Cloe,
I want to find a logistics database that links line item numbers (LINS) to manufacturers. Does such a thing exist?

Mr. D.B.

MR. D.B., YOU'RE IN LUCK! THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY (DLA) HAS A DATABASE CALLED WEBFLIS THAT MAY HAVE THE INFORMATION YOU NEED.

WEBFLIS SEARCHES BY NIIN/NSN, ITEM NAME, PART NUMBER, PARTIAL PART NUMBER WITH * FOR A WILD CARD, CAGE CODE, OR MANUFACTURER'S NAME AND PART NUMBER COMBINATION.

ITEM NAME
SNIFF
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IF YOU JUST HAVE A LIN AND NOT AN NIIN/NSN OR OTHER INFO ON YOUR ITEM...

... USE FED LOG FIRST TO CROSS-REFERENCE A NIIN/NSN FOR YOUR LIN.

USE ME FIRST!

You can access FED LOG through the Logistics Information Warehouse (LIW). Go to: <https://liw.logsa.army.mil/>

If it's your first visit to LIW, you'll need to submit a system access request. Click on System Access Request at the top right of the page. Once logged into LIW, add the FED LOG button to your portal from the App Warehouse at the bottom of the page with "Create Shortcut" or just "Go to Application."

Enter your LIN under the "Army" tab in FED LOG. If you find a CAGE code in FED LOG, you may be able to pull up data on the item manufacturer there. Look under the "Reference" tab. But if there's no CAGE code in FED LOG, get the NIIN/NSN for your LIN and visit:

<http://www.logisticsinformationservice.dla.mil/webflis/>

Enter your NIIN/NSN and search. On the results screen in WebFLIS, under the "Reference/Parts Number" tab, look for a column titled "CAGE CD." Click on the number there and it should list the manufacturer and their contact info.

Another handy shortcut to use if you already know a company's name or CAGE code is to enter it in DLA's Business Identification Number Cross-Reference System (BINCS):

https://www.logisticsinformationservice.dla.mil/bincs/begin_search.aspx

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN YOUR SEARCH, CONTACT DLA CUSTOMER SUPPORT AT 1-877-352-2255, DSN 661-7766, OR EMAIL: dlacontactcenter@dlamil