

The Meaning of "R1"

THIS SAYS ONE OF YOU IS AN M1097A2 AND THE OTHER IS AN M1097A2R1...

...BUT YOU LOOK THE SAME TO ME! WHAT GIVES?!

WE LOOK ALIKE, EXCEPT I'M NEW...

...AND I'M RECAPPED!



Dear Half-Mast,
What's the "R1" mean when you see it at the end of a HMMWV or HEMTT truck model? Maybe you've already written about this and I missed it.

SFC D.H.

Dear Sergeant D.H.,

We haven't written about the meaning of "R1," so no worries. You didn't miss a thing.

For HMMWVs, the "R1" means the truck is a recapped HMMWV. The RECAP (Recapitalization) program extended the useful life of the HMMWV fleet at a fraction of new production costs. This was done through drive train and suspension upgrades that made the vehicle more reliable. For a specific breakdown of the R1 repair parts, contact the Legacy HMMWV team at:

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And for HEMTTs, the "R1" also means the truck has been recapped. For example, some A2 HEMTTs were newly produced, and others were recapped from base and A1 HEMTT models. A new production HEMTT won't have the R1 attached to the model number. So an M1120A2 is a new production truck, while an M1120A2R1 is a truck that's been recapped to the same configuration as the A2.

Half-Mast