



## How Do You Find Year of Manufacture?

Dear Half-Mast,

I have been told to enter the year of manufacture for each of our unit's small arms and masks in SAMS-E. Do you know where I can find that info?

SFC O.G.

Dear Sergeant O.G.,

Sure do. For small arms, enter the weapon's serial number in the Unique Item Tracking (UIT) in LOGSA's Logistics Information Warehouse (LIW). As long as the weapon was not manufactured before 1995, you should find the correct year there. Look for the "P" transaction to see the first production date. Go to:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/index.cfm>

Click on the LIW down arrow, then LIW Portal. Go to the App Warehouse to do a search for UIT.

For M40/M42 and M45 masks only, check the lot number that is on the lower right strap. If it says PBA11A203-010, for example, that stands for:

- PBA (Pine Bluff Arsenal)
- 11 (2011)
- A (January)
- 203 (medium size)
- 010 (lot number)

So the mask was manufactured in Jan 2011. B would be February, C March, etc.

The new M50/M51 mask uses a lot number in this form: MMMYYWWSEE.

- MMM- manufacturer
- YY- year
- WW- week 1 through 52
- S-facepiece size (S, M, L)
- EE-engineering version

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