

CONVOY KIT MAKES PREP A SNAP!

Now and then, we get email from units looking for convoy flags and signs. We can almost hear—even by email—the frantic, last minute panic caused by a failure to plan.

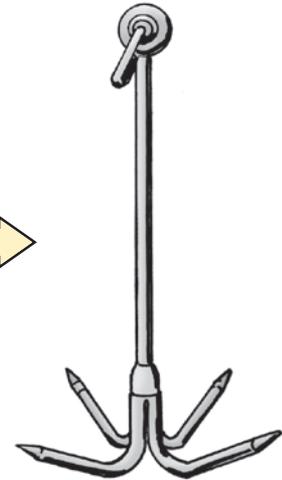
To nip the mad dash in the bud, some units find it helpful to prepare a convoy ready kit. Then they can grab the bag as they head out the door. The key is getting and keeping it together **before** duty calls!

If you want to put together a convoy kit and have it ready for the road, here are ideas for what to put in it:

Non-Deployment Convoy Package	
Item	NSN
Black & white flag for Cdr's vehicle	8345-00-543-6911
Blue flag for lead vehicle	8345-00-543-6912
Green flag for rear vehicle	8345-00-543-6913
Orange flag for trail party	8345-00-227-1404
Flag staff, 3-ft	8345-00-242-3650
550 cord, 700-yd	4020-00-240-2146
Warrior aid and litter kit	6545-01-532-4962
MRE and water (mission-dependent)	MRE: 8970-00-149-1094 Water: N/A
Tape, 2-in x 60-yd	7510-00-266-5016



Deployment Convoy Package	
Item	NSN
Escalation of force kit A-D (contents and supplier varies, depending on location and need)	0EOF-00-000-0001 (LIN 001EOF) See unit S4 or supply sergeant for guidance.
MRE and water (mission-dependent)	MRE: 8970-00-149-1094 Water: N/A
Grappling hook, 4 prong	N/A
Warrior aid and litter kit	6545-01-532-4962
Body bags x 2	9930-00-927-4569
Trash bags	7240-00-160-0440
Flashlight x 2	6230-01-291-7531
Tape, 2-in x 60-yd	7510-00-266-5016
Tough box, black/200 series lock	8115-01-562-4555
550 cord, 700-yd	4020-00-240-2146



There are no NSNs for water, grappling hooks or convoy signs. You'll have to source those items locally. ATP 4-11, *Army Motor Transport Operations*, also has helpful info.

Download the ATP at:

http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/DR_pubs/dr_a/pdf/atp4_11.pdf

You can also order:

CONVOY FOLLOWS

PN CONF8X50HA

CONVOY AHEAD

PN CONA16X50HA

CONVOY COMMANDER

PN CONC8X50HA

CONVOY COMMANDER

PN CONC16X50HA

Enter the part numbers given for the signs above in the search box to find them on the UNICOR website at:

<http://www.unicor.gov>

Other helpful things units might include in a convoy kit are a parts inventory list and photos, a convoy brief including a strip map, a convoy commander's checklist and 9-line MEDEVAC and SALUTE reports.

ALSO, CONSIDER ADDING THE KIT TO THE OFFICIAL UNIT INVENTORY SO IT **MUST BE CHECKED OUT AND RETURNED AFTER EACH USE AND STAYS INTACT.**

THEN THE NEXT TIME YOU NEED TO GET THE RIGS ROLLING, YOU WON'T BE SCRAMBLING!



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Semitrailer...

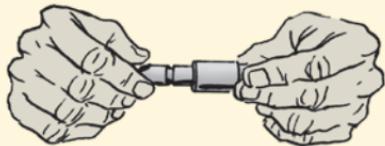
USE DIELECTRIC GREASE ON CONNECTORS

WHEN REPLACING LIGHT BULB WIRING HARNESSES ON YOUR M872A4 SEMITRAILER, FIRST PUT A DAB OF DIELECTRIC GREASE, NSN 6850-00-880-7616, ON THE CONNECTORS.

THEN THE CONNECTORS WILL COME APART EASIER NEXT TIME, WITH LESS CHANCE OF DAMAGE.



Lubed connectors easier to pull apart



APPLYING THE GREASE DOESN'T STOP THE CURRENT FLOW, EITHER. JUST PUT GREASE AROUND THE CONNECTORS AND JUST INSIDE THE CONNECTOR LIP.

Put grease around connector...



... and just inside lip

THERE'S A NOTE IN WP 0033 00-11 OF TM 9-2330-331-14&P REMINDING YOU TO DO THIS.

THIS ADVICE ALSO APPLIES TO OTHER TACTICAL VEHICLES.