

AGSE...

C'MON, PACK IT IN
GUYS, WE'VE GOT
LOAD TESTING TO DO.

YEAH, LET'S
PUT SOME
WEIGHT ON IT.

**HOW MUCH
CAN THE
PLATFORM
STAND?!**



Mechanics, there's a lot of chatter about whether or not load testing is required for the low-level maintenance platform, NSN 1730-00-269-8283.

Some say it's required, while others say it's not. Here's the final answer from the aviation ground support equipment (AGSE) headshed that puts this issue to rest: Load test certification is required by Para 3 and 4 of TB 43-0142 for all maintenance platforms. Make sure you keep a record of maintenance inspections on a DD Form 314.

The bottom line is that lifting devices like maintenance platforms must have an initial load test certification document from the manufacturer or one from a repair activity when the equipment is new, extensively repaired or altered.

The low-level maintenance platform does not have TM support, so if you need to do repairs you can check out Page 22 of PS 709 (Dec 11) for all the parts:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2011/709/709-22.pdf>

As part of your PM, make sure you stencil MAX WEIGHT FOLDED 500 LBS and 750 LBS MAX WEIGHT UNFOLDED on the sides of the platform. Put reflective tape on the platform so it can be seen during night maintenance.

If you have questions about AGSE equipment, you can contact their help ticket website:

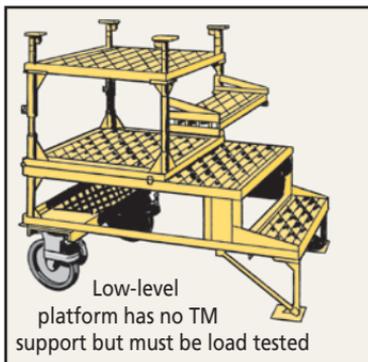
<https://agse.peoavn.army.mil>

You can also get additional information about ground support and aviation assets from:

<https://upw.jttdi.mil>

We told you on Page 26 of PS 705 (Aug 11) that safety is the first priority when using maintenance platforms. Check out the article for a quick refresher:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2011/705/705-26.pdf>



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