

Packaging Protects Repair Parts



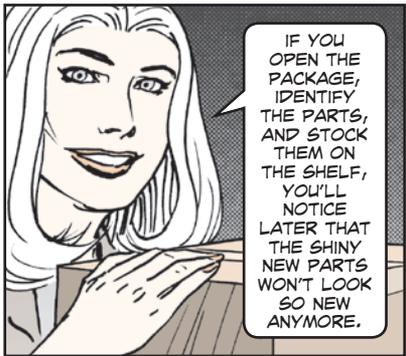
LOOK AT ALL THESE BOXES! AND IT'S NOT EVEN DECEMBER YET!

WHenever you receive a package in the mail, doesn't it feel like Christmas? You want to rip open the box and eyeball its contents.

In fact, you probably do! But when it comes to the box of repair parts that your unit ordered...



...PRACTICE RESTRAINT.

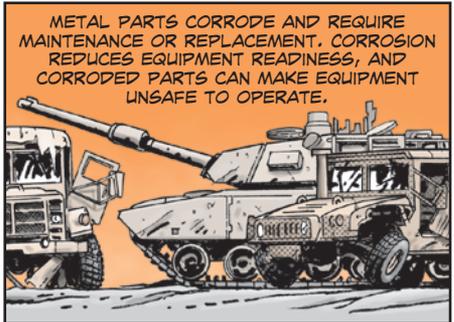


If you open the package, identify the parts, and stock them on the shelf, you'll notice later that the shiny new parts won't look so new anymore.

THEY MAY BECOME RUSTED AND UNUSABLE.

That's because corrosion starts as soon as metal is exposed to air.

Think oxygen and water, in either their liquid or vapor forms.



Metal parts corrode and require maintenance or replacement. Corrosion reduces equipment readiness, and corroded parts can make equipment unsafe to operate.



It costs the Army big bucks every year.



Your repair parts come in protective packaging.

Packaging is the first line of defense against deterioration and corrosion and is designed by packaging specialists to preserve and protect your parts.

Each part gets unique packaging based on the part's physical and chemical characteristics, its susceptibility to electrostatic discharge (ESD), and its size, weight, or fragility.

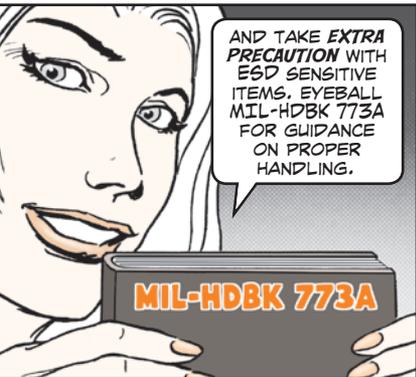
MILITARY PACKAGING TAKES MANY FORMS:

- A long-life reusable container (LLRC) housing your HMMWV engine
- ESD protective barrier bags and fast packs on circuit card assemblies
- Fiberboard boxes
- Wood boxes and crates

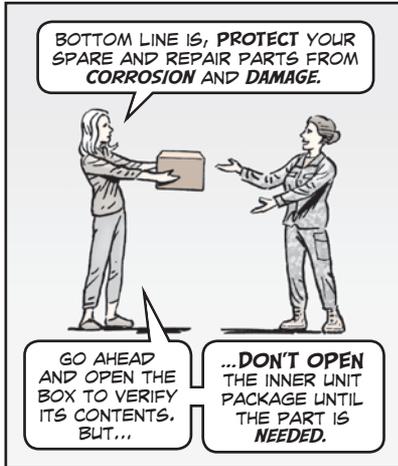
PARTS CAN BE FURTHER PROTECTED BY:

- Preservatives and corrosion inhibitors
- Desiccant and humidity indicators

By the way, don't open LLRCs and any packages containing desiccant unless you're inspecting them or using them.



And take extra precaution with ESD sensitive items. Eyeball MIL-HDBK 773A for guidance on proper handling.



Bottom line is, protect your spare and repair parts from corrosion and damage.

Go ahead and open the box to verify its contents. But...

...DON'T OPEN THE INNER UNIT PACKAGE UNTIL THE PART IS NEEDED.