

APPENDIX A-173

REFERENCE NUMBER VARIATION CODES (RNVC)

1. Number of characters: One.
2. Type of code: Numeric.
3. Explanation: These codes are used to indicate that a cited reference number is item identifying, is not item identifying, or is a reference number for information only.
4. Source: DoD 4100.39-M, Volume 10, Table 7.
5. The following codes are assigned:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
1	A design control reference or other reference number that does not identify an item of production without the use of additional information, or is either a specification, part type, or similar reference number that does not identify an item of supply without the use of additional information.
2	A design control reference or other reference number that is an item identifying number for an item of production, or is either a source control reference, a specification, or a standard part, type, or similar reference number that is an item identifying number for an item of supply.
3	A vendor's reference (Part) number on a source control item which is repairable through the removal, exchange and reinstallation of component parts. The related Source Control Document Number will also reflect the Code 3. This code is limited to a type 1B or 4B item identification.
9	A specification, standard, or other reference number which is superseded, canceled, obsolete or discontinued and is coded Reference Number Category Code (RNCC) 5; a reference number for information only coded RNCC 6; or a reference number coded RNCC D.

NOTE 1: Each reference number or portion of a reference number, shall be coded as follows:

a. The reference number for a manufacturer's source controlling reference or a specification controlling reference for a Type 1, 2, or 4 Item Identification shall always contain the Reference Number Variation Code 2.

b. For Type 1A, 1B, 4A, or 4B Item Identification, the reference number for a related nondefinitive specification or standard reference number shall always contain the RNVC 1.

c. For a Type 1A or 4A Item Identification, the design control reference cited on the DD Form 146 shall always be item identifying of the item of production and this reference number shall always contain the RNVC 2. Additional reference numbers related to Type 1A or 4A Item Identification, other than the reference number cited on the DD Form 146, may contain a RNVC of 1 or 2 depending on whether or not the reference number must be supplemented in order to identify the same item of production. An activity submitting such an additional reference number to a Type 1A or 4A Item Identification which requires the RNVC 1 shall be prepared to furnish data substantiating that the submitted reference number, with stated modifications or changes, represents the same item of production as the reference number cited on the DD Form 146.

d. For a Type 1B, or 4B Item Identification, the design control reference cited on the DD Form 146 shall always be the type which requires supplementary data to identify the item of production and this reference number shall always contain the RNVC 1. Additional reference numbers related to a Type 1B, or 4B Item Identification, other than the reference number cited on the DD Form 146, may contain a RNVC of 1 or 2, depending on whether or not the reference number must be supplemented in order to identify the same item of production. An activity submitting an additional reference number for a Type 1B, or 4B Item Identification which does not require the RNVC 1, shall be prepared to furnish data substantiating that the submitted reference number represents the same item of production represented by the design control reference and the content of the differentiating characteristic(s) cited on the applicable DD Form 146.

e. For a Type 2 Item Identification, the design control reference for each item of production included in the Type 2 concept, shall always be item identifying of the item of production and shall always contain RNVC 2. Where an additional reference is known to represent the same item of production as the design control references, the reference (always containing Reference Number Category Code 5) may contain the RNVC 1 or 2 depending on whether or not the number must be supplemented in order to identify the item of production. Where an additional reference is coded Reference Number Category Code 4, the RNVC shall always be 1.

NOTE 2: When a definitive specification or standard designator reference (Reference Number Category Code 2) constitutes the only available reference related to a proposed Type 2 Item Identification, and this reference has the effect of fully identifying the item of supply, such a reference number may be submitted for assignment of a NSN. In such a case, the reference number shall contain the RNVC 2.

## 6. References:

a. Appendix B-214, Provisioning Line Item Supply Support Request (LISSR).

b. Data Record Number (DRN) 4780.