

APPENDIX A-174

REFERENCE NUMBER CATEGORY CODES (RNCC)

1. Number of characters: One.
2. Type of code: Numeric/Alpha.
3. Explanation: A code that designates the relationship of a reference number to the item of supply.
4. SOURCE: DoD 4100.39-M, Volume 10, Table 6.
5. The following codes are assigned:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
1	Source Control Reference. The number assigned by a design control manufacturer of an end item of equipment, including a Government activity, to a drawing that restricts procurement (1) to the specified item(s) described on the drawing and (2) to the stated source(s) of supply designated thereon. These restrictions are imposed on the cognizant design activity to ensure procurement of the only item(s) known as a result of test or evaluation to be satisfactory for the stated critical application. Includes only those drawings which meet the definition for Source Control Drawing in MIL-STD-100. (Applicable only to type 1, 1B, 2, 4 and 4B item identifications.)
2	Definitive Government Specification or Standard Designator Reference. A part number, style number, or type designator included in or developed in accordance with a government specification or standard which has the effect of fully identifying an item of supply. This code shall also be used for a Government Specification or Standard which, although not including part numbers, style numbers, or type designators, covers a single item of supply. These reference numbers may be coded with RNVC of 1 in accordance with DoD 4100.39-M, Volume 2, Subparagraph 2.9.2n(4) (Nondefinitive Government Specifications or Standard designator references shall be coded 4; specification control drawings as defined in MIL-STD 100 shall be coded 7; professional association or standard designator references shall be coded 3).
3	Design Control Reference. The primary number used to identify an item of production or range of items of production, by the manufacturer (individual, company, firm, corporation, or government activity) which controls the design, characteristics, and production of the item by means of its engineering drawings, specifications, and inspection requirements.

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- 4 Nondefinitive Government Specification or Standard Reference. Any Government specification or standard reference other than those indicated on Code 2 as definitive references. This code shall be used for nondefinitive Government Specifications and Standard references and nondefinitive part numbers, type designators, and style numbers included therein which are coded with a RNVC 1. (Includes the specification number of those specifications for which type designation is used as Code 2. Excludes professional association, industrial association, or manufacturer's specification, or standard reference which shall be Code 3, and specification control drawings as defined in MIL-STD 100 which shall be coded 7).
- 5 Secondary Reference. Any additional number, other than a primary number (Codes 1, 2, 3, 4) informative reference (Code 6) or specification control reference (Code 7) assigned to an item of production or supply by a commercial or government organization, which represents the same item of production or supply to which the NSN was assigned. The reference number may have had an RNCC of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 7, but has since been replaced in the item of supply concept of the NSN by another primary number. Includes additional numbers assigned by the design control organization, superseded or cancelled specifications, superseded or discontinued reference numbers which may have resulted from a manufacturer's change in numbering system; the manufacturer no longer produces the item or is no longer a technically approved source; the manufacturer or supplier under that number is out of business. (Obsolete, superseded, canceled, or discontinued reference numbers coded RNCC 5 shall be coded RNVC 9. All secondary reference Extra-Long Reference Numbers (ELRNs), whether current, obsolete, superseded, canceled, or discontinued, shall be coded RNCC 5 and RNVC 1.)
- 6 Informative Reference. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Stock Numbers (CAGE 99995), Production Equipment Codes (CAGE 99998), and DoD Ammunition Codes (CAGE 99999) which may be related to NSNs. (Reference numbers for the CAGEs cited above shall be coded RNVC 9.)
- 7 Specification Control Reference. The number assigned by a design control manufacturer of an end item of equipment, including a Government activity, to a drawing which delineates a commercial or vendor item for which all of the engineering and test requirements specified can be met without imposing restrictions essential in source control procurement. Includes only those drawings which met the definition for Specification control drawing in MIL-STD-100. Specification control drawings are administrative control numbers and shall not be used as part identification numbers.

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8	U.S./NATO Reproduced Item Identification Number. A number representing a reproduction of an item of production by a NATO nation for which authorization to use the NATO/NSN has been granted by the originating country. The reproduced item represents the same item of production as the original item.
A	Design Category Packaging and Related Logistics Data Reference Number. The number of a document representing packaging and related logistics data requirements.
B	Nondesign Category Packaging and Related Logistics Data Reference Number. The number of a Military Standard and applicable standard designation decoded in the standard publication.
C	Advisory Reference number assigned to an item of production or supply not included in the item of supply concept to which the NSN has been assigned. Use of this RNCC is restricted to conditions where cross-reference is required to establish identification to an item of supply. Additionally, there is no direct relationship of the reference number to the NSN other than a Service/Agency individual decision. (RNCC C shall be used only in conjunction with RNCC 1.)
D	Drawing Number Reference. A number assigned by a design activity to a drawing or other technical documentation which identifies a drawing/document that is related to an item of supply or production but does not qualify for assignment of Code 1, 3, 5, 7, or C. Code D Reference Numbers will not be used in item of supply determinations.

NOTE 1: Each reference number or portion of a reference number shall be coded to indicate the relationship of the reference number to the item of supply.

NOTE 2: When Federal determination cannot be made as to whether or not a reference number is the design control reference, it shall be considered the design control reference until positive determination can be made. However, only one reference number shall be considered as the design control reference for each Type 1A, 1B, 4A, or 4B Federal Item Identification (FII). In addition, only one reference number shall be considered the design control reference for each item of production included in the concept of a Type 1, Type 2 or Type 4 FII.

NOTE 3: The following reference number actions (additions, deletions, or changes) shall be collaborated:

a. All actions against (1) source control references; (2) definitive Government specification or standard designator references; (3) design control references; except for addition of a new RNCC 3 as a result of a coordinated procurement action. RNCC 3 references may also be changed without coordination if the change is a result of the manufacturer changing their part numbering system.

b. All actions to change RNCC 4 (nondefinitive specification or standard reference) to RNCC 2 (definitive Government specification or standard designator reference), or the change of RNCC 5 (secondary reference) to RNCC 1 (source control reference) or RNCC 3 (design control reference).

NOTE 4: Reference numbers assigned RNCC-D will always be submitted with a Reference Number Variation Code (RNVC) of 9.

NOTE 5: Inasmuch as the use of RNCC C is a Service/Agency individual decision, the same reference number may be recorded for more than one NSN.

6. REFERENCES:

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

b. Data Record Number (DRN) 2910.