

APPENDIX A-179

ITEM MANAGEMENT CODES

1. Number of characters: One.
2. Type of code: Alpha.
3. Explanation: A one position alpha code identifying whether items of supply shall be subjected to integrated management under DLA or retained by the individual Services or other DoD components for their management. Coding is accomplished under item management classification criteria. Codes are based upon the DoD criteria of items of supply.
4. Source: DoD 4100.39-M, Volume 10, Table 77.
5. The following codes are assigned:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
A	Nuclear Hardened Items. Items which are specifically designed to be nuclear hardened against the effects of Electro-magnetic Pulse (EMP), radiation thermal (Heat), blast shock, etc., so they continue to perform their function in an environment created by a nuclear explosion.
C	Engineer/Design/Critical. Items whose complexity and criticality must be insured due to the catastrophic consequences of failure of these items on their next higher assembly, End-Item or Weapon System, Engineer/Design critical repair parts are recognized by their limited applicability and critical application in safety and combat readiness application.
D	Major End-Items of Equipment. Items of such importance to the operations readiness of operating units that they are subject to continuing centralized individual item management and asset control throughout all command and support echelons.
E	Reparables. Centrally managed recoverable items designated as repairable for the reasons that repair of unserviceable quantities of the items are considered by the inventory manager in satisfying requirements prior to or in conjunction with, determining procurement quantities.
F	Single Agency. Items assigned to a single agency other than the commodity oriented integrated manager for integrated management or control. (These include items controlled by the Atomic Energy Commission or National Security Agency, or items assigned to TARCOM for integrated management.)

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G*	Field Level Repairables. Item requiring maintenance or repair and for which a repair capability exists at the field or base level and below the maintenance depot level.
H	Nationally Vital Program. Items requiring extraordinary management control techniques and close surveillance within the supply system to ensure the successful execution of a nationally vital program. (For such program related items, Services must obtain special exemption from integrated management from the ASD (MRA&L).)
J	<p>Design Unstable. Items determined by technical decision during the provisioning cycle, during introduction into logistics systems, or at time of item management coding, to be highly subject to either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Design change of the item itself; or b. Replacement of the item itself through modification the applicable next-higher-assembly. <p>These items will be reviewed for recoding when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The IM is notified that the item is used by another Service; or b. The design becomes stabilized; or c. The item has been in operational use for two years.
L	Fabricated or Reclaimed Items. (1) Items fabricated at a military industrial activity for local use or direct issue to customers including the MAP. It is the specific intent of this category to retain under the management of the Services those items for which the decision has been made to fabricate the item at the user or support level. (2) Items designed by and fabricated at Service industrial activities and not subject to procurement from civilian industrial sources. This category covers those situations where the Service has design control of an item possesses the only known industrial capability to fabricate the item or has been unable to develop adequate documentation which would permit procurement from civilian industrial sources. Items obtained only by reclamation - this category is intended to provide for Service retention of those items for which reclamation, on an as required basis, is the only planned source of supply.

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N	Modification/Alteration/Conversion Sets or Kits Intended for One Time Use. This category covers those situations wherein such modifications, alterations, or conversion sets or kits are procured for one-time use, and replenishment or replacement is not contemplated. This category is applicable even though procurement is effected on a phase basis. Specifically, it is intended to retain under the management of the Services those sets or kits for which requirements are properly determined on a program basis, such as the number of equipments on which the modification will be made.
P	Nuclear Propulsion Items. Items which are used in nuclear power plants or associated systems and which require stringent technical or quality control.
Q*	Selected Mission Essential. Items of special importance to the performance of Military missions, selected at staff headquarters of the Service chiefs and approved by the ASD (MRA&L).
S	Security Classified Items. Items requiring special management because of security classification.
W	Foreign Military Sales (FMS) only. Items which are used only by Security Assistance (SA) program customers, i.e., Foreign countries and International organizations. These items are often called nonstandard or FMS unique.
Y*	Weapon Systems Management Sensitive. Consumable items selectively identified and managed because of their criticality to the readiness of the weapon/end-item or to the mission performance and are subject to specialized management or controls, such as items in unique service logistics networks; restricted in issue to selected approved activities; requiring extensive quality assurance controls with testing by authorized service activities; requiring a close relationship between inventory management and engineering control; or components requiring management as an entity with the end item.
Z	Integrated Management. Relinquishment of Service management of an item in designed commodity-oriented FSCs to the CIMM for management.

*G, Q, and Y are invalid for new submittals, maintenance actions will only be accepted. These codes will be removed through attrition.