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DLA Packaging and Marking Guide

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DLA Packaging



Material procured, received, stored and issued by DLA requires proper care to ensure that the items arrive and remain in a ready-for-issue condition.



Importance of Packaging



Importance

- Material that is procured, received, stored, and issued must be properly identified and packaged at the time of receipt.
- The warfighter must receive the right item, on time, properly packaged.



Contractual Requirements

- Section B of the contract contains
 - RA001: Incorporates the TQ master requirements.
 - RP001: DLA Packaging Requirements for Procurement
 - RP003: Preservation, Packaging, Packing and Marking Requirements for Federal Aviation Administration Commercial Material
- The prep for delivery section displays the packaging requirements that pass from the material master and could contain additional requirements such as
 - IP025: Packaging, Marking, and Shipping of Hazardous Materials
 - IP027: Packing and Marking Requirements Federal Stock Class (FSC)
5961 Semiconductors and Hardware Devices and FSC 5962 Electronic Microcircuits
 - IP042: Oxygen Clean Packaging and Marking Requirements Apply
 - IP046: Individual Repair Parts Ordering Data (IRPOD) Packaging Requirements Apply
 - IP056: Mercury or Mercury Compounds are Prohibited in Preservation, Packaging, Packing and Marking
 - IP083: Packaging, Marking, and Shipping of Metal Plating, Sheets, and other Metal Products



Technical and Quality Master List of Requirements

CONTINUATION SHEET

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SECTION B

SUPPLIES/SERVICES: 4931-01-115-5443

ITEM DESCRIPTION:

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RA001: THIS DOCUMENT INCORPORATES TECHNICAL AND/OR QUALITY REQUIREMENTS (IDENTIFIED BY AN 'R' OR AN 'I' NUMBER) SET FORTH IN FULL TEXT IN THE DLA MASTER LIST OF TECHNICAL AND QUALITY REQUIREMENTS FOUND ON THE WEB AT:

<http://www.dla.mil/HQ/Acquisition/Offers/eProcurement.aspx>

Link to DLA Master List of Technical and Quality Requirements

FOR SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS, THE REVISION OF THE MASTER IN EFFECT ON THE SOLICITATION ISSUE DATE OR THE AWARD DATE CONTROLS. FOR LARGE ACQUISITIONS, THE REVISION OF THE MASTER IN EFFECT ON THE RFP ISSUE DATE APPLIES UNLESS A SOLICITATION AMENDMENT INCORPORATES A FOLLOW-ON REVISION, IN WHICH CASE THE AMENDMENT DATE CONTROLS.

Callout for RP001: DLA Packaging Requirements for Procurement

RP001: DLA PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT

RQ011: REMOVAL OF GOVERNMENT IDENTIFICATION FROM NON-ACCEPTED SUPPLIES

MIL-STD-130N(1) DATED 16 NOV 2012.
IDENTIFICATION MARKING OF U.S. MILITARY PROPERTY



Technical and Quality Master List of Requirements,

<http://www.dla.mil/hq/acquisition/offers/eprocurement.aspx>

- Choose the version of the TQ requirements that were in place at the time of award.

Technical and Quality Master List of Requirements

Document Name	Version	Modified Date
Master List of Technical and Quality Requirements	PDF Rev-35	17 June 2024

DLA Master List of Technical and Quality Requirements June-17-2024 Rev-35

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[Archived Versions of the Technical and Quality Master List of Requirements](#)



Technical and Quality Master List of Requirements

DLA Master List Of Technical and Quality Requirements Version 35 June 17, 2024

Changes from previous revisions are indicated with yellow highlighting to mark text altered or added.

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Logistics Operations

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Coded Packaging Requirements



• Prep for Delivery – Military Packaging – MIL STD 2073-1E

PREP FOR DELIVERY:

PKGING DATA - MIL-STD-2073- 1E

QUP:001 PRES MTHD:33 CLNG/DRY:1 PRESV MAT:00

WRAP MAT:00 CUSH/DUNN MAT:00 CUSH/DUNN THKNESS:0

UNIT CONT:BV OPI:M

INTRMDTE CONT:D3 INTRMDTE CONT QTY:AAA

PACK CODE:U

MARKING SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MIL-STD-129.

SPECIAL MARKING CODE:00 -00 No special marking

PALLETIZATION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RP001: DLA PACKAGING
REQUIREMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT

Coded packaging data

Marking requirements

Palletization requirements found
in RP001



ASTM D3951 Standard Practice for Commercial Packaging

- Prep for Delivery – ASTM D3951, Standard Practice for Commercial Packaging

PREP FOR DELIVERY:

PKGING DATA-QUP:001

WILL BE PACKAGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM D3951.

All DLA Master List of Technical and Quality Requirements take precedence over ASTM D3951.

Mark and label all packaging and packing in accordance with MIL-STD-129. The Unit of Issue (U/I) and Quantity per Unit Pack (QUP) will be as specified in the contract/purchase order.

Quantity per Unit Pack (QUP)-
How many units of issue allowed
in same unit package

Packaging IAW ASTM D3951

Marking requirements

ASTM D3951, STANDARD PRACTICE FOR COMMERCIAL PACKAGING



- Select items are eligible to be packaged in accordance with ASTM-D3951, Standard Practice for Commercial Packaging
- Commercial packaging QUP:
 - ASTM-D3951, paragraph 5.1.2.2 governs unit package Quantity
 - Generally, use QUP of 001 unless otherwise specified in your contract
- Commercial packaging Intermediate Container Quantity (ICQ):
 - ASTM-D3951, paragraph 5.1.3 governs intermediate package
- Commercial packaging “Marking”:
 - ASTM-D3951, paragraph 5.1.6.5 governs markings for DOD (IAW with MIL-STD-129)



Military vs Commercial Packaging

- Access to commercial standards requires purchase of the standards from the ASTM
 - <https://www.astm.org/>

Military Packaging	Commercial Packaging
Use of specification materials	Permits use of non-specification materials
Requires interpretation of preservation/packaging/packing instructions	ASTM D3951 provides standard commercial guidelines
Requires the preservation methods and materials from MIL-STD-2073-1	Application of preservation/packing techniques is at the discretion of the vendor
MIL-STD-129 marking required	MIL-STD-129 marking required
Compliant WPM required	Compliant WPM required
Available on ASSIST	Must be purchased



Packaging Standards

- MIL STD 2073-1E, DOD Standard Practice for Military Packaging
- MIL STD 129R, DOD Standard Practice for Military Marking for Shipment and Storage
- ASTM D3951, Standard Practice for Commercial Packaging
- AFMAN 24-604/DLAI 4145.3, Preparing Hazardous Materials for Military Air Shipments
- MIL STD 147E, DOD Standard Practice, Palletized Unit Loads

* Refer to contract/solicitation for appropriate revision (and change number) of specification



- DOD packaging regulations, standards and specifications may be obtained online from the ASSIST Quick Search Program

<http://quicksearch.dla.mil/qsSearch.aspx>

- Use the most recent version of all posted documents

Document ID: MIL-PRF-81705 Scroll down to access document images

Overview

Title: Barrier Materials, Flexible, Electrostatic Discharge Protective, Heat-Sealable	
Scope: This specification establishes the requirements for heat-sealable, electrostatic discharge protective, flexible barrier materials used for the military packaging of microcircuits, sensitive semiconductor devices, sensitive resistors, and associated higher assemblies. In addition, the type I materials provide for watervaporproof protection and attenuation of electromagnetic interference effects (see 6.1).	
Status: Active	Document Date: 12-NOV-2014
FSC/Area: 8135	Next Review Due: 11-NOV-2019
Qualification	Doc Category: Performance Specification

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Preparing Activity: AS	Naval Air Systems Command
Coordination: Full	
Army Custodian: GL	U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development & Engineering Center
Navy Custodian: AS	Naval Air Systems Command
Air Force Custodian: 69	Air Force Life Cycle Management Center - Packaging Technology and Engineering
DLA Custodian: CC	DLA Land and Maritime

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Packaging Codes – MIL STD 2073-1E, Appendix J

DIGIT POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
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	METHOD OF PRESERVATION		CLEANING PROCEDURE	PRESERVATION MATERIAL		WRAPPING MATERIAL		CUSHIONING AND DUNNAGE		CUSHIONING THICKNESS	UNIT CONTAINER		
SEE TABLES IN APPENDIX J													
EXAMPLE METHOD 42	42		1	00		EA		LC		C	ED		
ANY APPLICABLE PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 5.2.1													ASTM-D5118 TYPE CF, CLASS WEATHER- RESISTANT FIBERBOARD BOX
NO REQUIREMENT													
MIL-P-17667, CHEMICALLY NEUTRAL WRAPPING PAPER													
PPP-C-795, CLASS 1, CELLULAR PLASTIC FILM CUSHIONING													¾ IN CUSHIONING



MIL STD 2037-1E, Packaging Code Lookup

- https://camphill.leidos.com/code_lookup.nsf
- Input packaging codes into designated fields for definitions

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Packaging Code Lookup

MIL-STD-2073-1Miscellaneous CodesCode Lookup Home

MIL-STD-2073-1 Packaging Code Descriptions (located on top row) conform to Revision E, change 3, unless otherwise noted. Please enter the desired packaging code(s) into the corresponding entry box and select the "Get Packaging Data" button below. Packaging Codes are derived from MIL-STD-2073-1 and DoD standards. For Unit/Intermediate Container, it is possible to enter two codes. If two codes are desired, place a comma(,) or semi-colon (;) between your entries.

Method of Preservation	Cleaning & Drying	Preservative Materials	Wrapping Material	Cushioning Material	Cushioning Thickness	Unit/Intermediate Container	Packing Code

Special Material Content	Hazardous Material	Special Marking	Unit Container Level	Optional Procedures	Shelf-Life	Shelf-Life Action	Type of Storage

Get Packaging Data

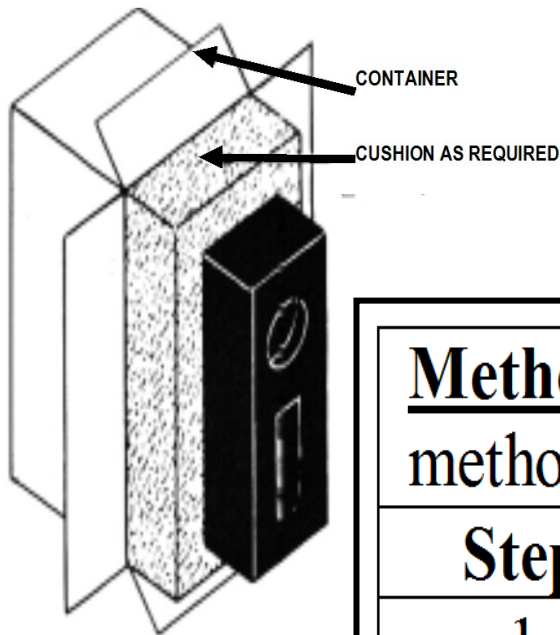
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CODE LOOKUP HOME

Method 10 – Physical Protection



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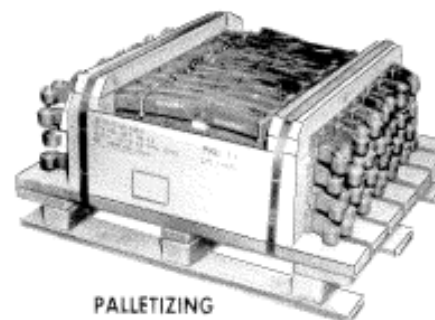
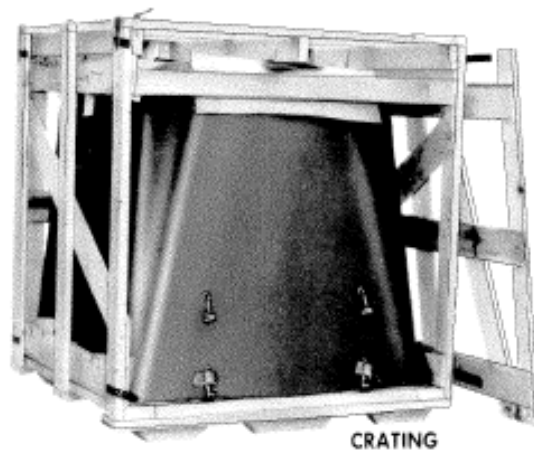
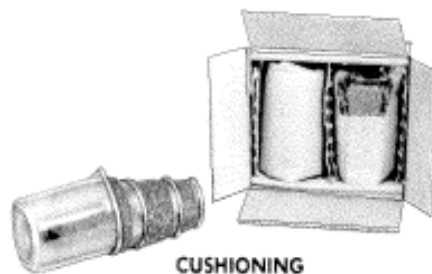
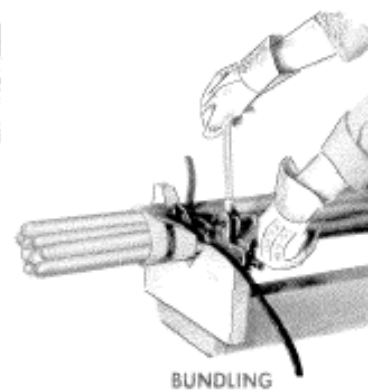
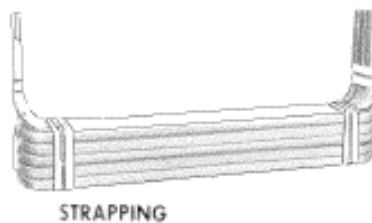


Method 10 Steps— Follow each step to complete the method.

Step	Instruction
1	Clean and dry the item as required
2	Apply cushioning or dunnage or wrap
3	Tie, strap or tape the item to form a unit pack
4	Apply markings



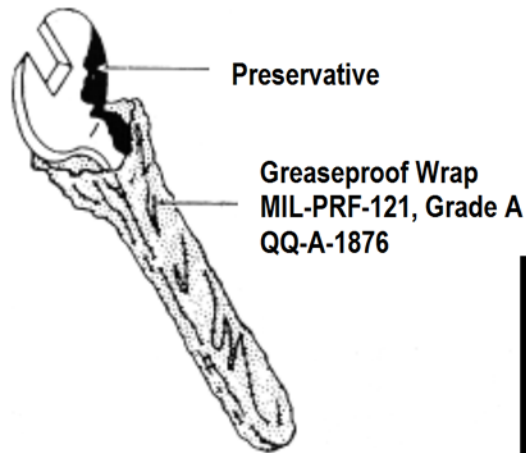
Method 10 – Physical Protection



Method 20 – Preservative Coating Only (with greaseproof wrap, as required)



Method 20 – Preservative Coating Only (with greaseproof wrap, as required)



MIL-PRF-16173 hard preserved items and MIL-PRF-3420 or MIL-PRF-22019, VCI protected items may be exempt from wrapping.

Method 20 Steps — Follow each step to complete the method

Step	Instruction
1	Clean and dry the item.
2	Apply preservative coating to the item.
3	Wrap the item in grease wrap
4	Apply markings to the container.



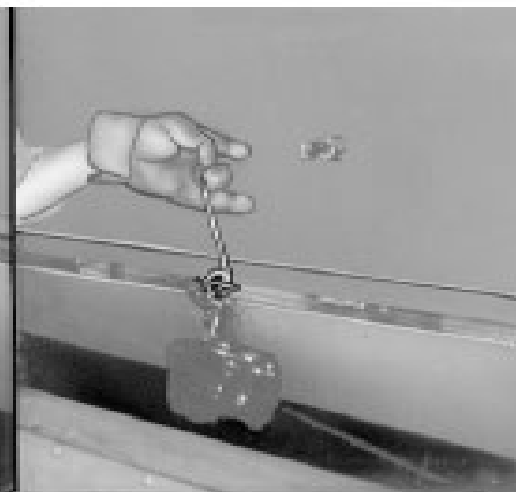
Method 20 – Preservative Coating Only (with greaseproof wrap, as required)



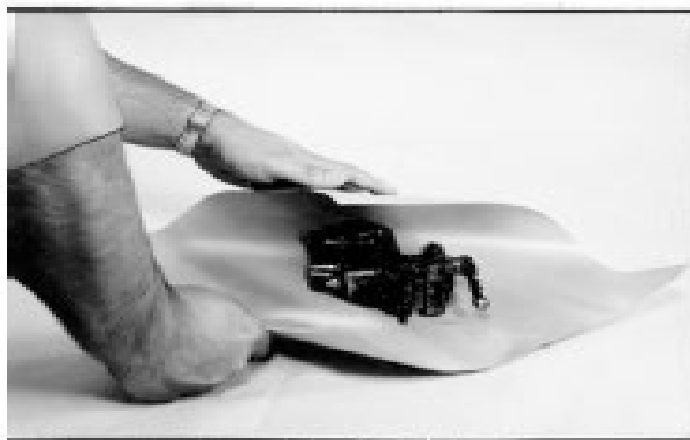
CLEAN ITEM



**DIP ITEM IN SOFT
PRESERVATIVE**



**DRAIN EXCESS
PRESERVATIVE**



**WRAP PRESERVED ITEM IN
GREASEPROOF BARRIER**



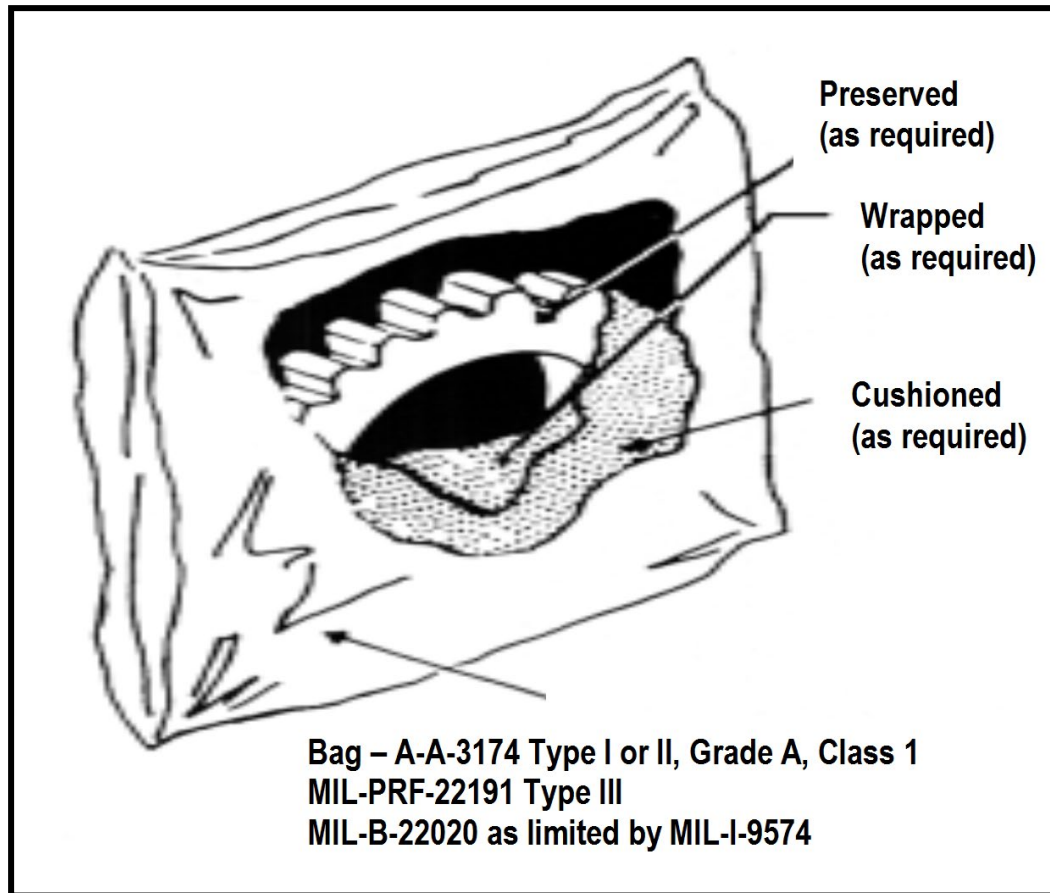
**COMPLETED AND
IDENTIFIED UNIT PACK**



**CARTON OPTIONAL
(MUST BE IDENTIFIED)**



Method 30 – Waterproof or Waterproof-Greaseproof Protection (with preservative as required)



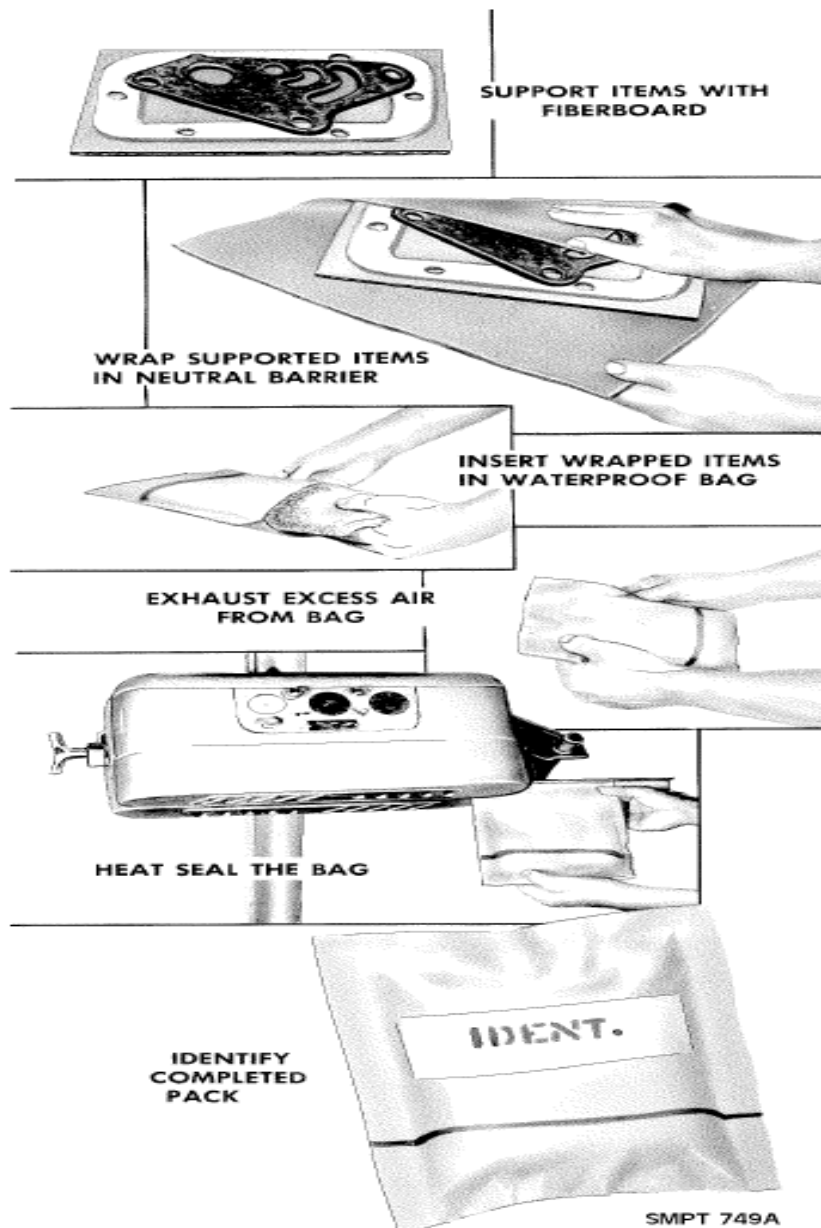
Sub-methods

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- Method 33



Method 31

Waterproof Bag, Heat Sealed



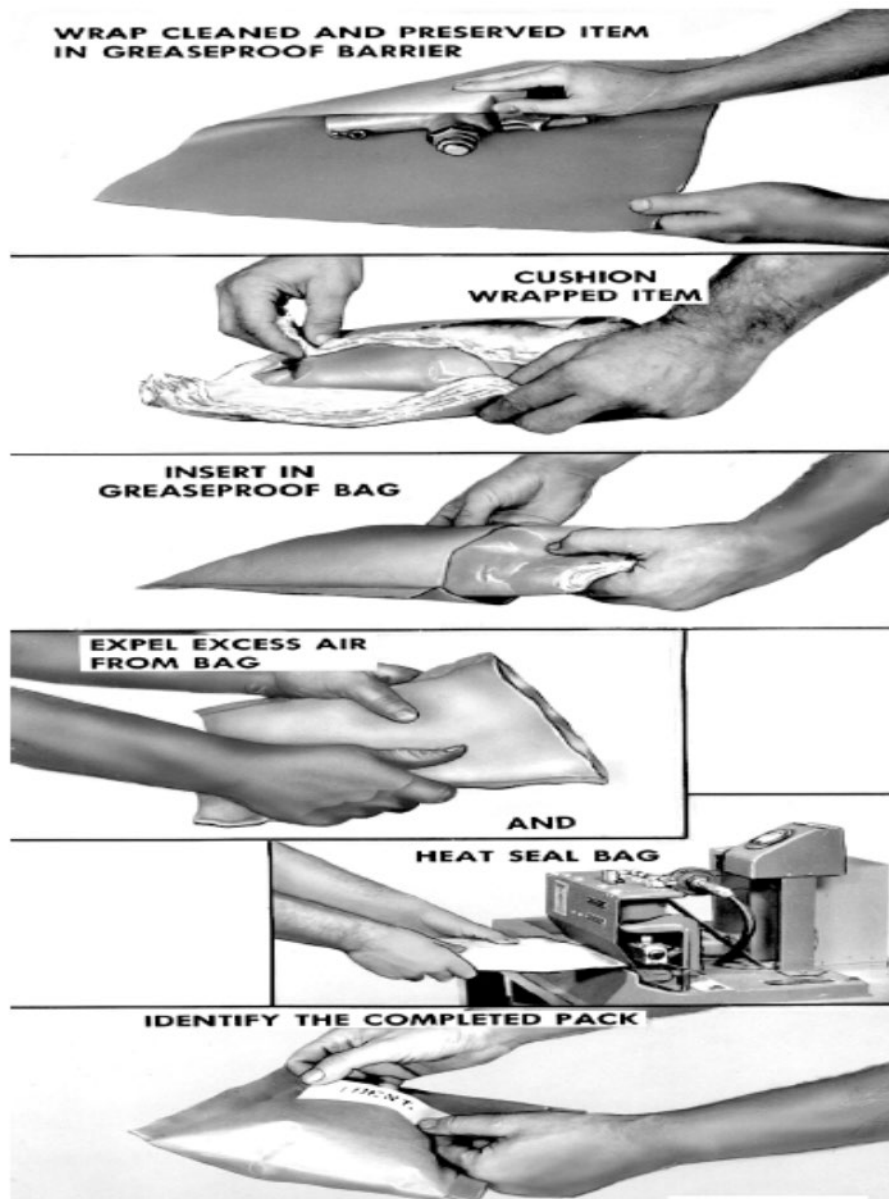
Method 32

Container, waterproof bag, heat sealed





Method 33 Greaseproof-waterproof bag, heat sealed



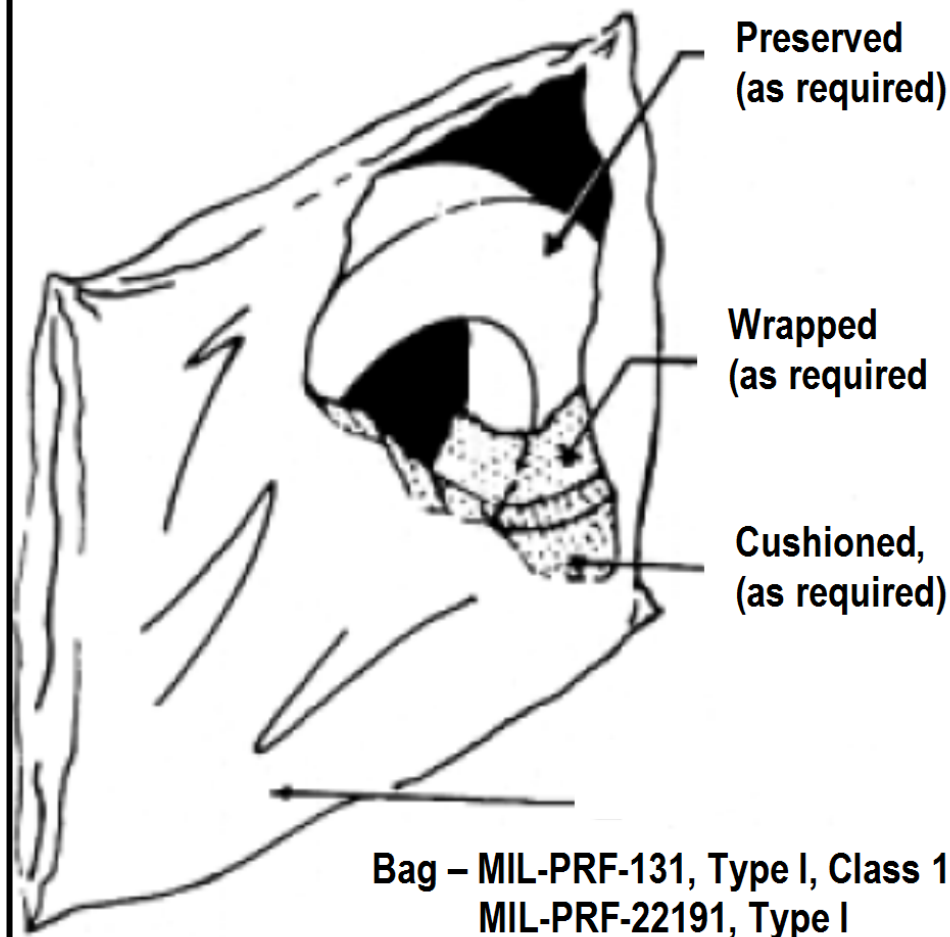


Method 40 – Watervaporproof protection with preservative

Sub-methods:

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- Method 45

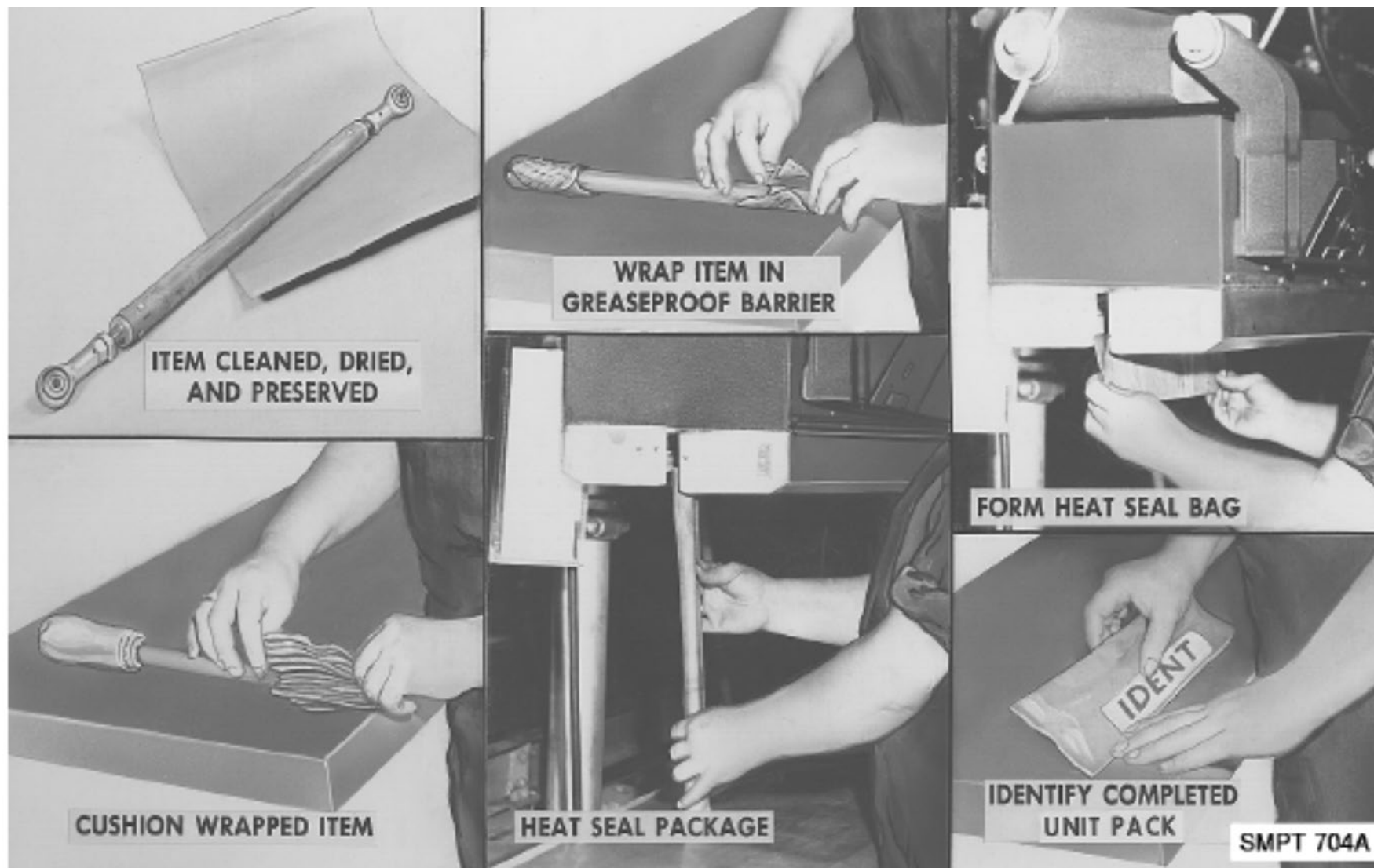
Method 41 – Waterproof Bag, Sealed



Bag – MIL-PRF-131, Type I, Class 1, 2, or 3
MIL-PRF-22191, Type I
MIL-PRF-81705, Type I, Class I

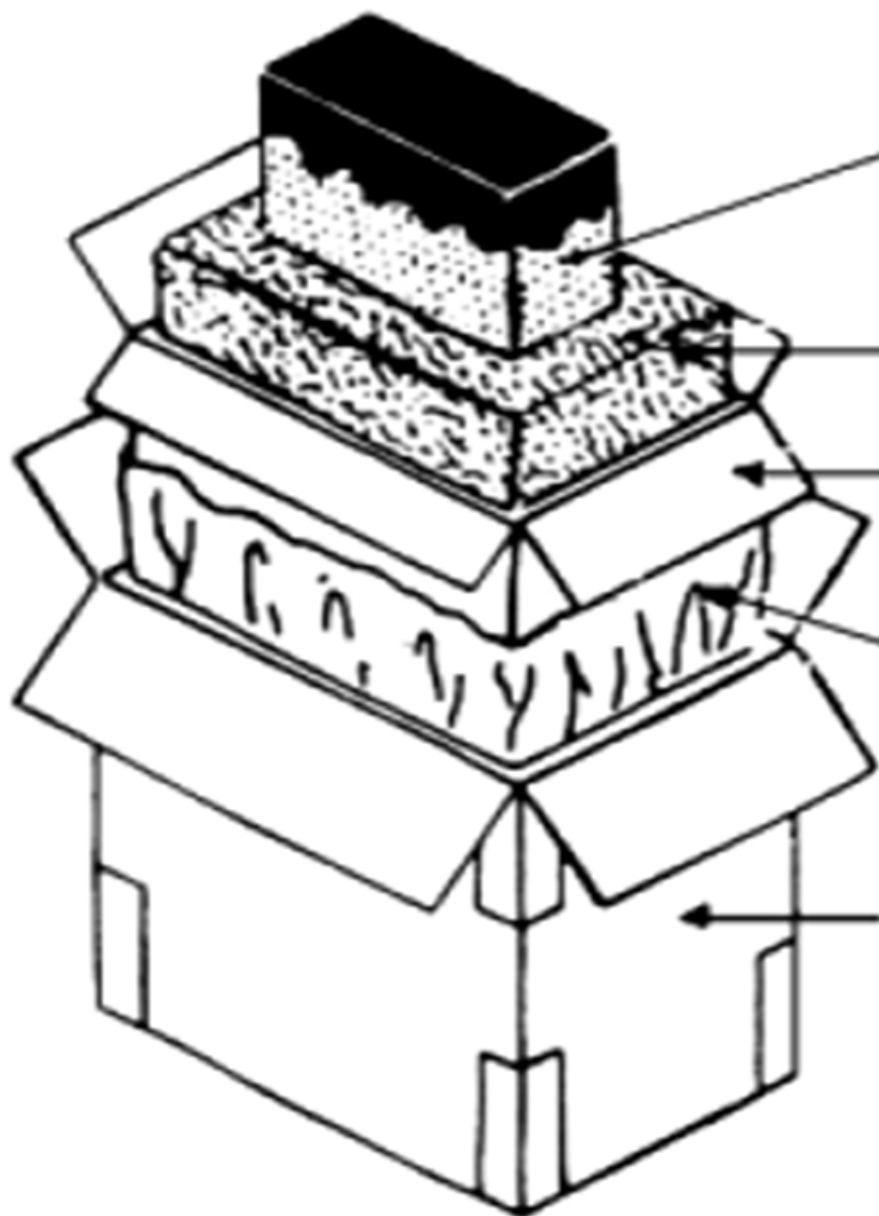


Method 41 Watervaporproof bag, heat sealed





Method 42 – Container, Watervaporproof bag, heat sealed, container



Preserved and Wrapped (as required)

Cushioned (as required)

Container

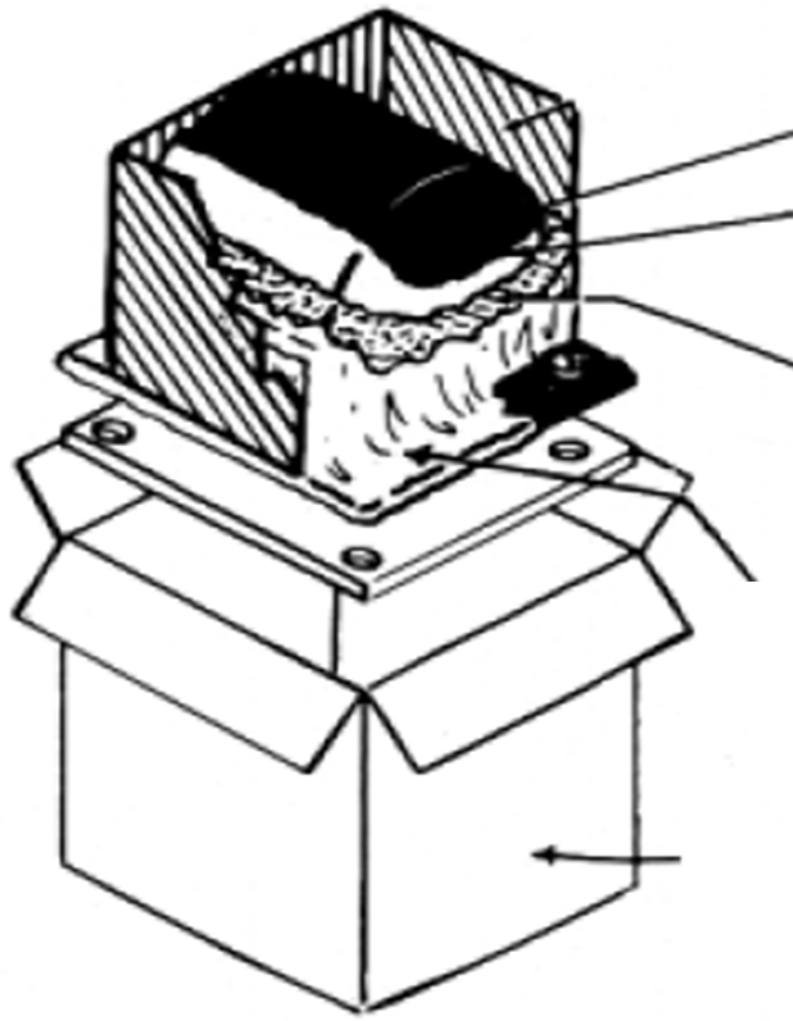
PPP-B-566, PPP-B-565, PPP-B-676, or ASTM-D5118

Bag, MIL-PRF-131 Type 1, Class 1, 2, or 3

Select outer box CI or CII



Method 43 – Floating, watervaporproof bag, heat sealed



Preserved (as required)

Wrapped (as required)

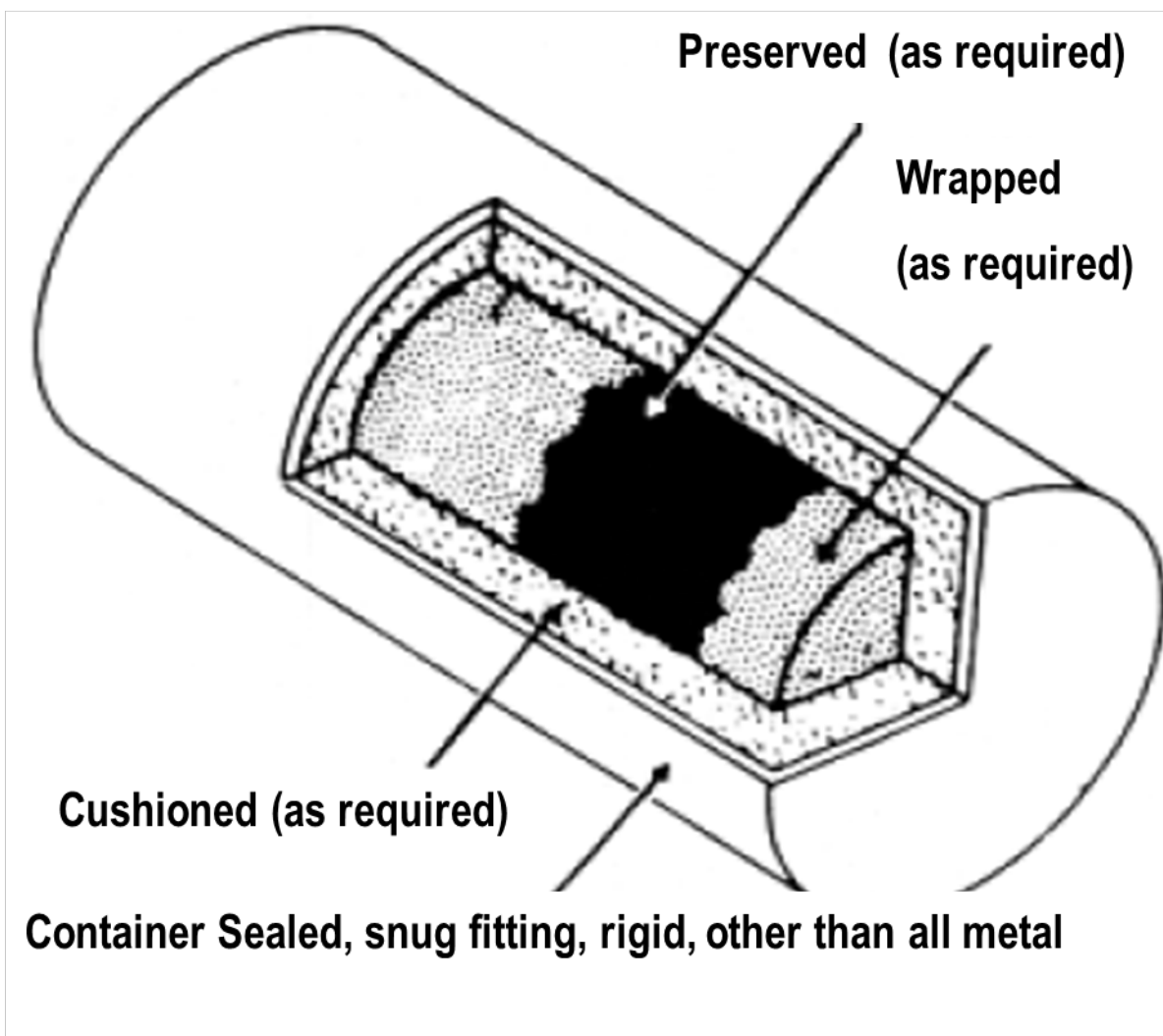
Cushioned (As Required)

Bag MIL-E-6060

Container



Method 44 – Rigid Container (other than metal) sealed



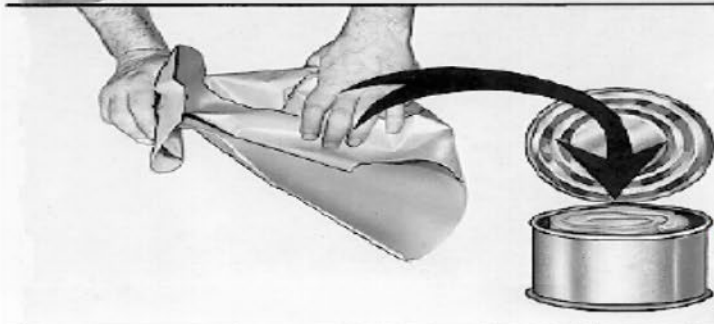


Method 45 – Rigid metal container, sealed

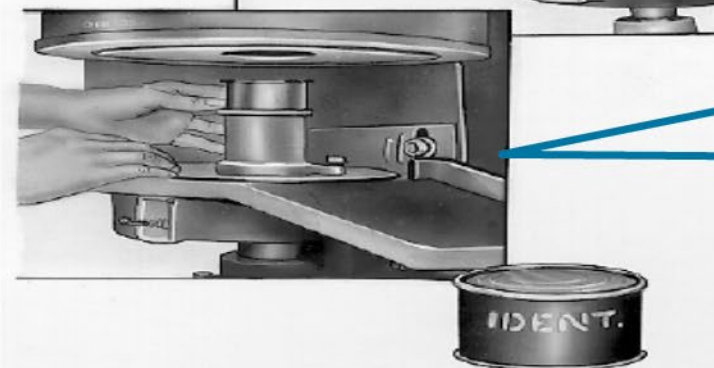
Preserve and Wrap
as required



Place in Rigid Metal
Container



Cushioned as required



Sealed and Marked
IAW
MIL-STD-129



Method 50 – Waterproof protection with desiccant

Method 51 – Watervaporproof Bag, Sealed

Preserved
(as required)

Wrapped
(as required)

Cushioned
(as required)

Humidity Indicator

Desiccant

Bag

MIL-PRF-131, Type I, Class 1, 2, or 3
MIL-PRF-22191, Type I
MIL-PRF-81705, Type I, Class I

Method 50 label

Sub-methods:

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- Method 52
- Method 53
- Method 54
- Method 55



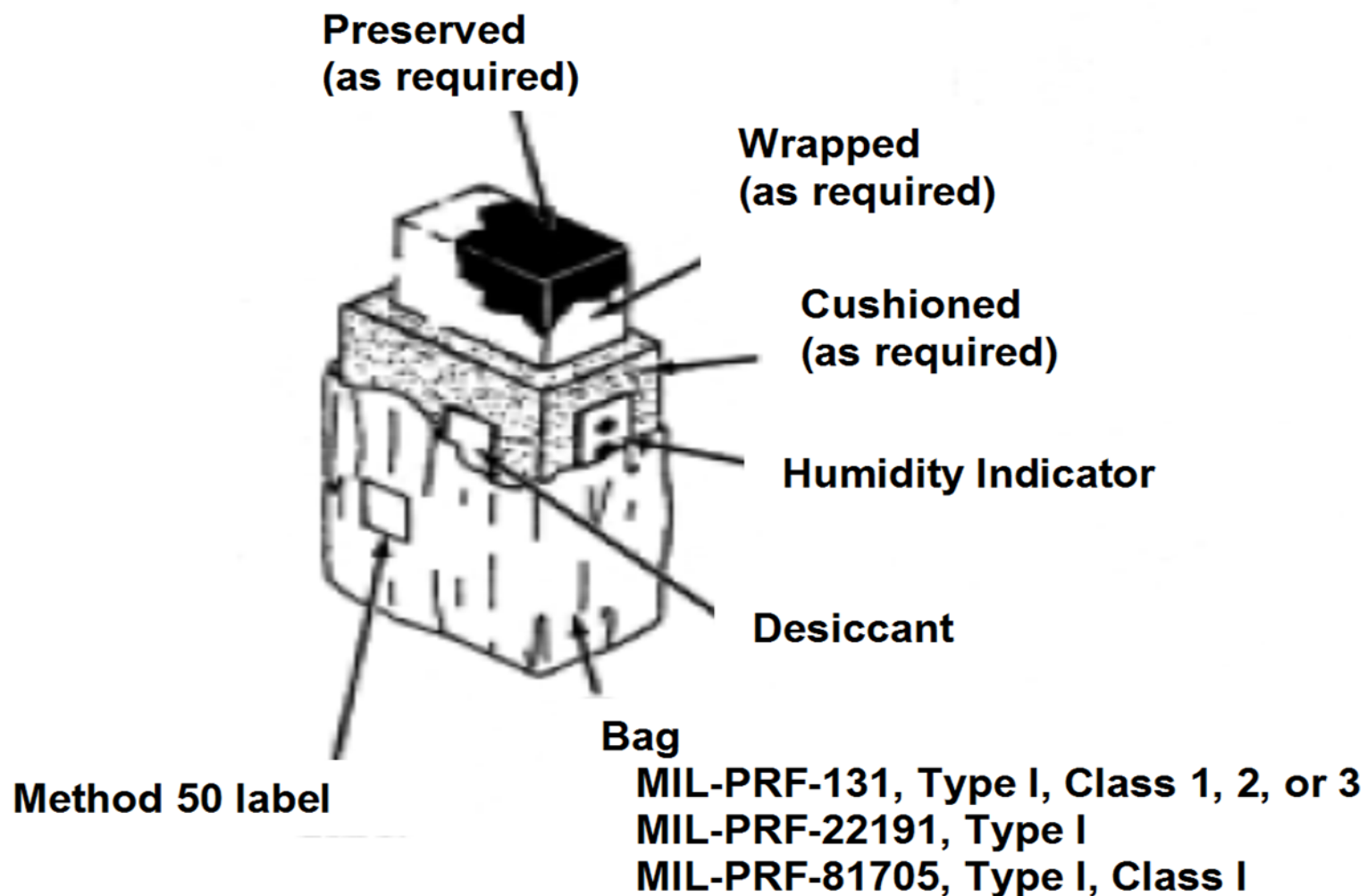
Method 50





Method 51 – Watervaporproof bag, with desiccant, heat sealed

Method 51 – Watervaporproof Bag, Sealed





Method 52 – Container, Watervaporproof bag with desiccant, heat sealed, container

Preserved (as required)

Wrapped (as required)

Cushioned (as required)

Desiccant

Container
PPP-B-566, PPP-B-665, PPP-B-676 or ASTM-D5118

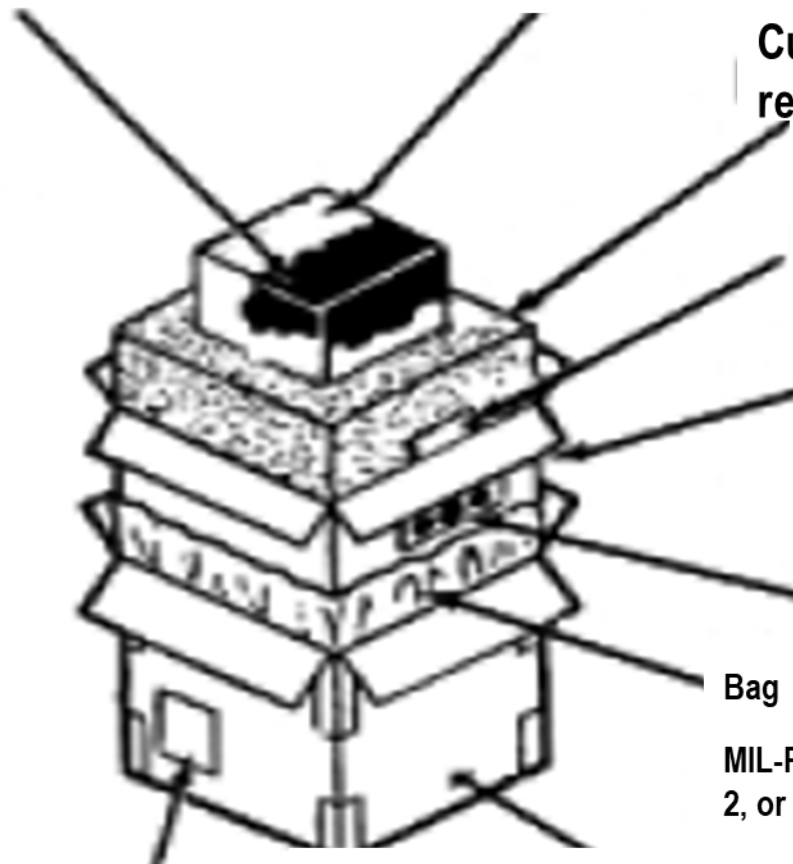
Humidity Indicator

Bag

MIL-PRF-131, Type I, Class 1,
2, or 3

Method 50 Label

Select out box CI or CII





Method 53 – Floating Watervaporproof bag, with desiccant, heat sealed

Bag MIL-E-6060

Preserved (as required)

Wrapped (as required)

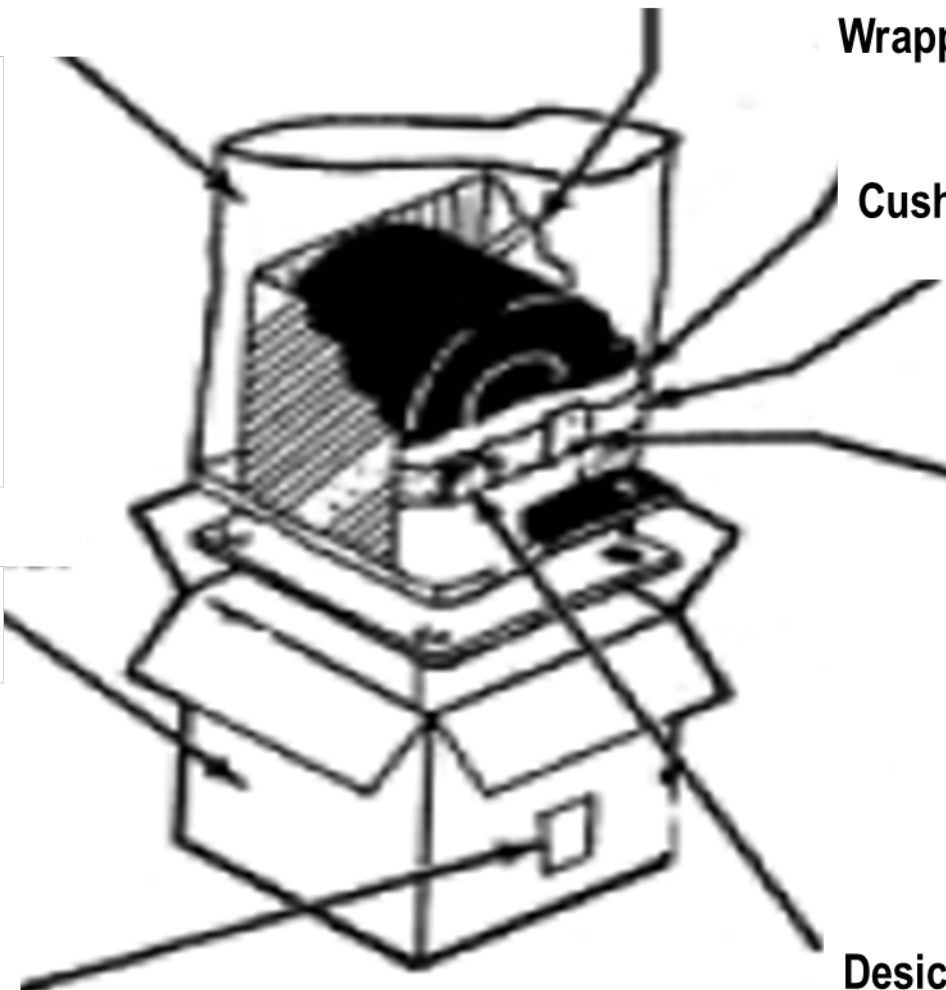
Cushioned (as Required)

Humidity Indicator

Container

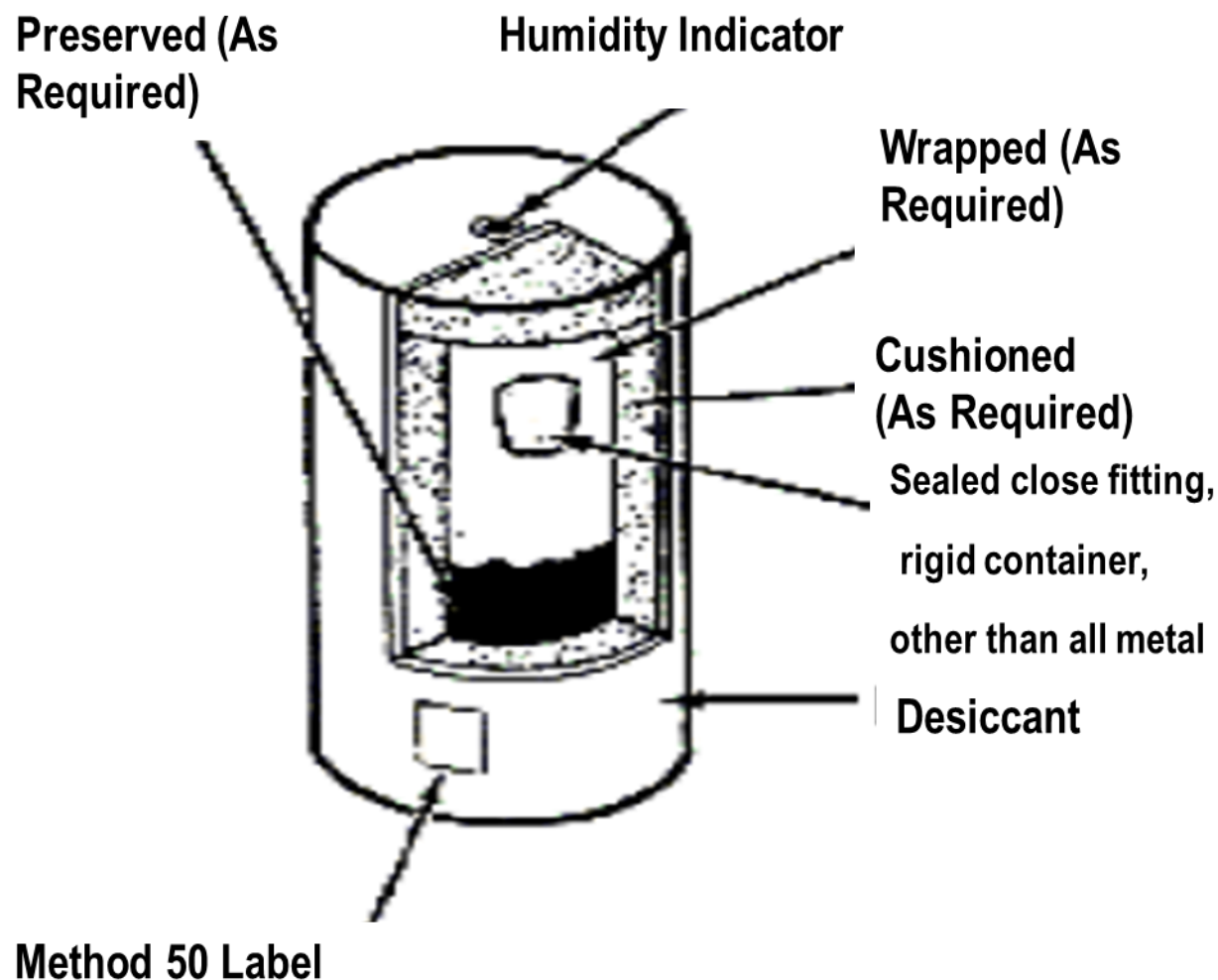
Method 50 Label

Desiccant





Method 54 – Rigid container (other than metal) with desiccant, sealed





Method 55 – Rigid metal container, with desiccant, sealed

Preserved & Wrapped,
(As Required)

Humidity Indicator

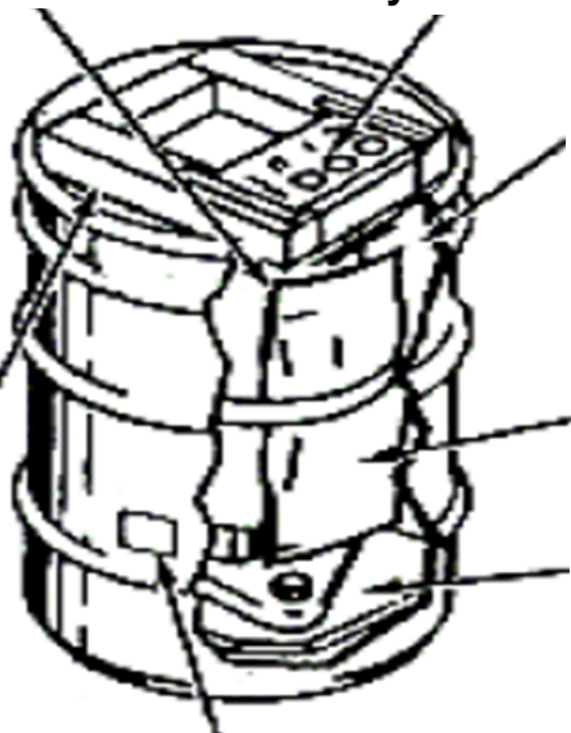
Container

Desiccant

Cushioned
(As Required)

Gasket &
Locking Ring

Method 50 Label





Specialized Methods of Preservation, Table JI.a

AE: Seal or plug all openings MOP 10

GX: Electrostatic Discharge Susceptible (ESDS) items

BL: Seal or plug all openings and preserve using MOP 20

DB: MOP 10 but with specific packaging materials

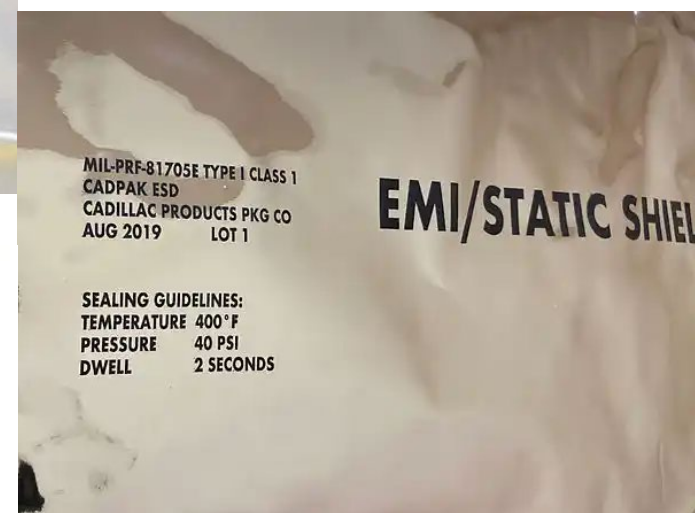
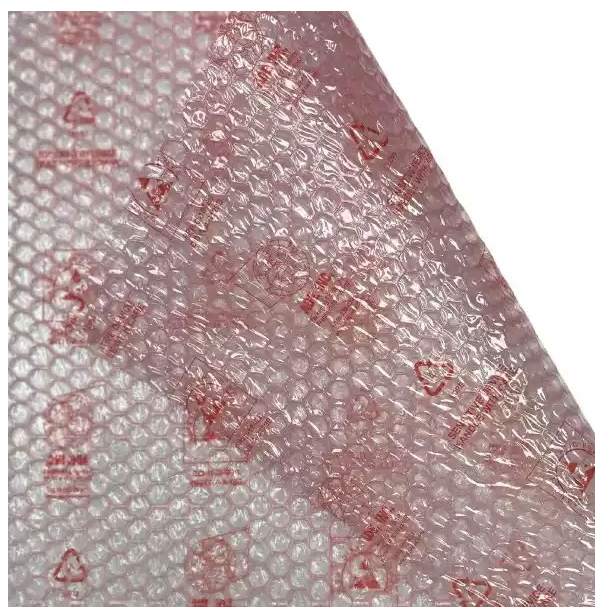
HM: Hazmat use modal regulations



MOP GX – MIL-PRF-81705

Most Vendor Shipments Not Compliant with MOP GX:

- Two approved types
 - Type I-Watervaporproof, electrostatic protective, electrostatic and electromagnetic shielding
 - Class 1
 - Class 2
 - Type III-Transparent, waterproof, electrostatic protective, electrostatic shielding
 - Class 1
 - Class 2





Packaging Materials



Fiberboard



Paperboard



Fast Packs



**Barriers,
Cushioning
& Wrap**



Tapes



Tags



Strapping



**Stretch
Wrap**



Compliance Markings on Fiberboard



BOXMAKER'S CERTIFICATE

1/95

V3 c

COMPLIES WITH ASTM STD.
D4727

MINIMUM AVERAGE BURSTING
STRENGTH GUARANTEED IN
EXCESS OF 40 LBS. P.S.I.

SPECIFICATION COMPLIANCE MARKINGS



- **A-A-883A**

Pressure sensitive adhesive,
masking



- **ASTM D5486/5486M Rev A**

Standard for pressure sensitive
tape, packaging, box closure and
sealing



- **ASTM D5330/5330M**

Standard for pressure sensitive
tape for packaging, filament
reinforced





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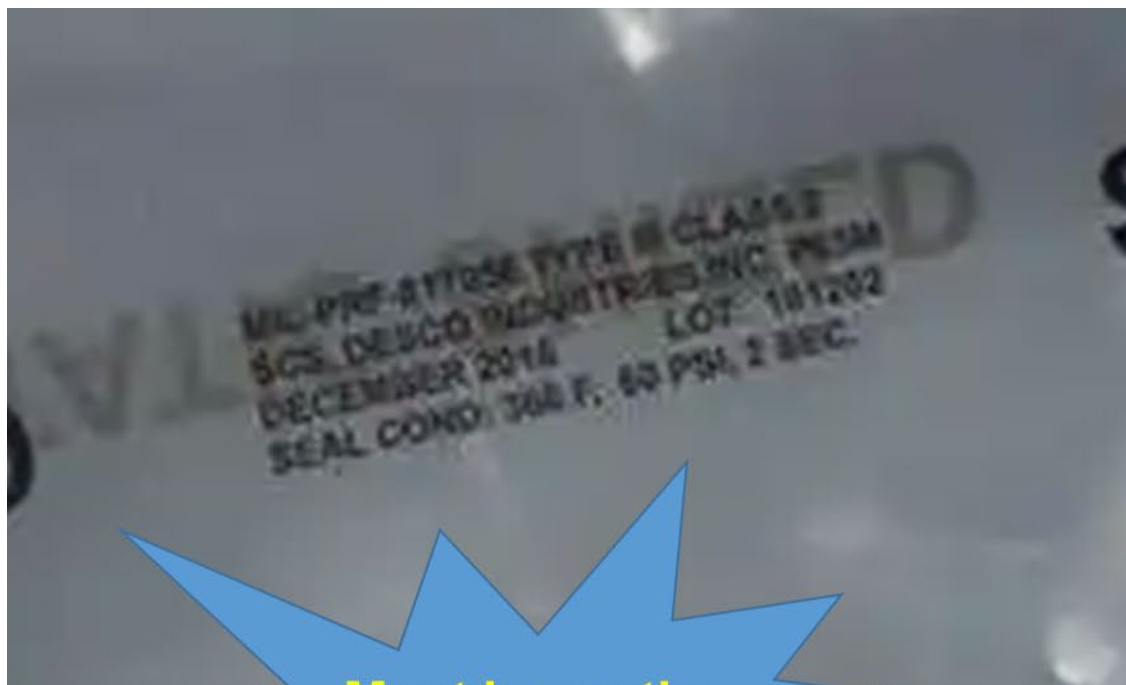
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MIL-PRF-81705 Type III Class 2



**Must be on the
Qualified Product
Listing**





Quantity Per Unit Package (QUP) and Unit of Issue

- **Unit of Issue (UI)** - The Unit by which a material is issued.
- **Quantity per Unit Pack (QUP)** – The number of units of issue bound or packaged in a unit pack.
- **Unit Pack** – The first tie, wrap, or container of an item.
- **Intermediate Container Quantity (ICQ)** – The number of unit packs per intermediate container.



Quantity Per Unit Package (QUP) and Unit of Issue



Unit of Issue = EA

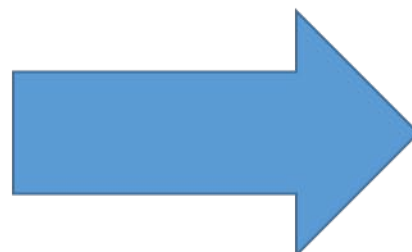
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Per Unit
Pack = 25



Unit Pack



Quantity Per Unit Package (QUP) and Unit of Issue



Intermediate
Container
Quantity = 2



MIL-STD-129R Item Identification Markings

Why do we need them?

- Identify items shipped, received, and stored in a standardized format.
- Assist warehousing personnel in sorting shipments, picking from storage, and taking inventory.
- Communicate the degree of protection of the item.
- Communicate hazards and special handling requirements.
- Expedite the shipment.
- Communicate the reusability of the container.
- Communicate the destination of the shipment.



MIL-STD-129R Item Identification Markings

- Identification markings
 - NSN - (National Stock Number) – Includes spaces, dashes, prefix and suffix
 - CAGE Code – for the company AWARDED the contract
 - PN - (Part #)
 - Nomenclature (Not always required on exterior containers)
 - Quantity and unit of issue
 - PIID (or Contract and call for legacy contracts)
 - Military Method and date of unit preservation
 - Gross Weight (Exterior containers)
 - Shelf-Life Information (if applicable)
 - Serial Numbers (if applicable)
- Identification bar code markings
 - NSN (& Serial Number) for unit and intermediate packs
 - NSN, Contract number, CAGE, CLIN, Shipment Number (& Serial Number) on exterior shipping containers



MIL-STD-129R Item Identification Markings - PIID

- Procurement instrument identifier (PIID) (e.g., contract number or purchase order number)
 - For current DFARS compliant DOD contracts, cite the 13-character PIID. When applicable, use the 13-character PIID call order number (identified by F or M in the 9th position) alone (since the call order PIID is treated as an independent contractual document)
 - For legacy contracts, cite the PIIN (contract number or purchase order number) including four-digit delivery order or call number if applicable, and lot number (see 5.10.13) shall be shown. Additional information may be required by the contract or purchase order



- Required shelf-life markings
 - TYPE I (non-extendable):
 - MFD DATE 10/01
 - EXP DATE 10/06
 - TYPE II (extendable):
 - ASSEMBLED DATE 10/01
 - INSP/TEST DATE 10/04
 - RUBBER or ELASTOMER (TYPE I OR II):
 - CURED DATE 4Q01
 - INSP/TEST DATE 4Q05



Special Markings-Electrostatic Discharge Susceptible (ESDS)



Exterior and Intermediate
Container Label



Unit Pack Symbol/Label

Use of previous label types is allowed until existing supplies are depleted, or until March 2025



Special Markings - Miscellaneous

Project Code



Method 50



Special Handling



Special Markings – Hazardous Materials



Refer to 49 CFR, Part 172:

Marking - Subpart D

Labeling - Subpart E

Placarding - Subpart F



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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MARKINGS





Unit and Intermediate Marking Example-Linear Bar Code

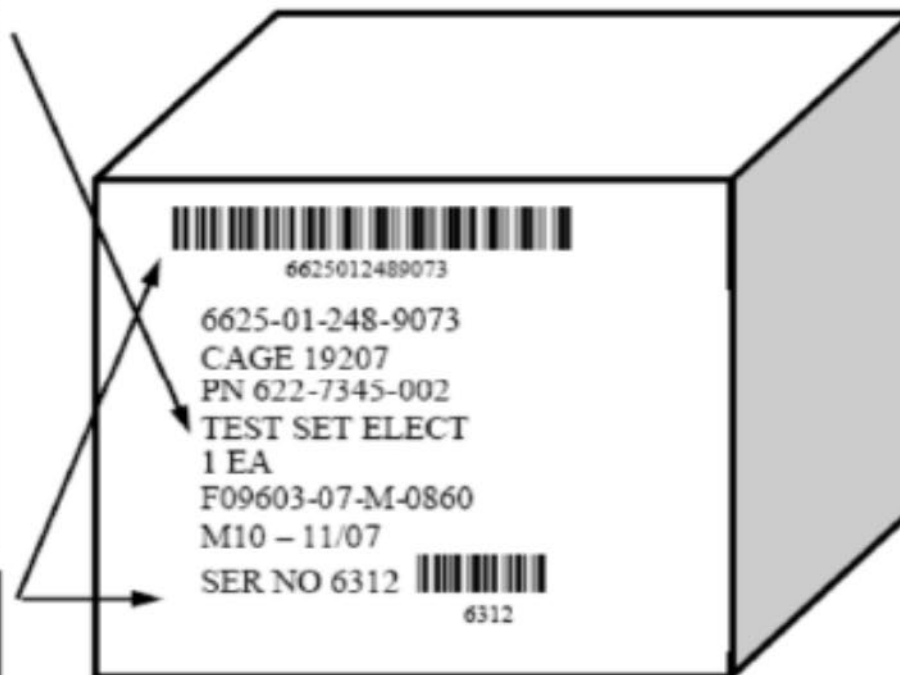
Unit & Intermediate Containers with linear (Code 39) bar codes

1 - IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS

- NATIONAL STOCK NUMBER
- CAGE CODE
- PART NUMBER
- ITEM DESCRIPTION
- QUANTITY AND UNIT OF ISSUE
- CONTRACT NUMBER & LOT NUMBER
- MILITARY METHOD & DATE OF UNIT PRESERVATION
- SERIAL NUMBER (WHEN ASSIGNED)

#2 - BAR CODES

- NATIONAL STOCK NUMBER (NSN)
- SERIAL NUMBER (WHEN ASSIGNED)

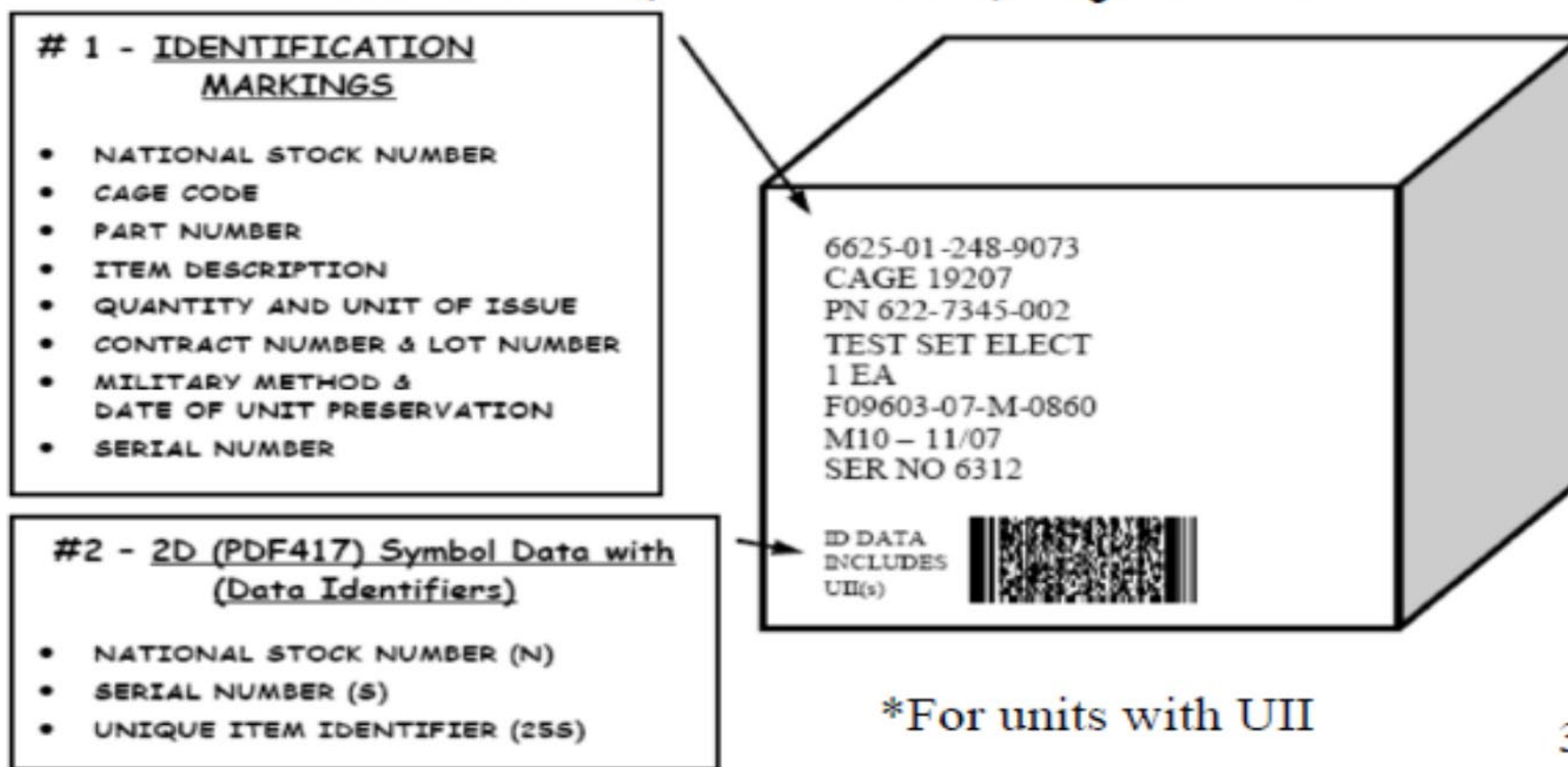


*For units without UII



Unit and Intermediate Marking Example- 2D (PDF417) Symbol

Unit & Intermediate Containers with 2D (PDF417) symbol*





- Unless specifically exempted in the contract, DoD and Vendor shipping activities must apply address markings using a bar coded MSL.
- Multiple suppliers can provide necessary software. An internet search will display multiple options.
- The DLA Vendor Shipment Module -
<https://www.dla.mil/Working-With-DLA/Applications/Details/Article/2923161/vsm-vendor-shipment-module/>

Military Shipping Label (MSL)



- The Code 39 (Linear) and 2D (PDF417) bar codes must be easily machine readable.
- The MSL label must be made of a water-resistant grade of paper, coated on one side with water-insoluble permanent type adhesive.
- ASTM D5486, Type I, Class 2 tape can be used to waterproof labels on exterior containers.



Military Shipping Label (MSL)

The recommended MSL size is 4 inches by 6 inches.

TCN SW81238350D001XXX			
From SW8123 In-the-clear Address 3 Lines Max, 35 Characters Per Line XXXXXXXXXX1XXXXXXXXXX2XXXXXXXXXX3XXXXXX		TAC / Type Service / Postage SZZZ Frt LTL	
Piece 1 Of 1	Weight (lb.) 7760	Date Shipped 1090	RDD 999
	Cube (ft.) 385	Project 9BU	Priority 1
Ship To / POE In-the-clear Address DOV 5 Lines Max, 35 Characters Per Line Abcdefg Hgiklmno Pqrstuv Wxyz Abcdefg Hgiklmno Pqrstuv Wxyz XXXXXXXXXX1XXXXXXXXXX2XXXXXXXXXX3XXXXXX			
POD RMS	MSL, Supply, & TCMD Data		
FMS Case CKM			
W55XGJ		Ultimate Consignee / Mark For Consignee Ultimate / Mark For Consignee Address 5 Lines Max, 35 Characters Per Line Abcdefg Hgiklmno Pqrstuv Wxyz Abcdefg Hgiklmno Pqrstuv Wxyz XXXXXXXXXX1XXXXXXXXXX2XXXXXXXXXX3XXXXXX	

Required bar coding:

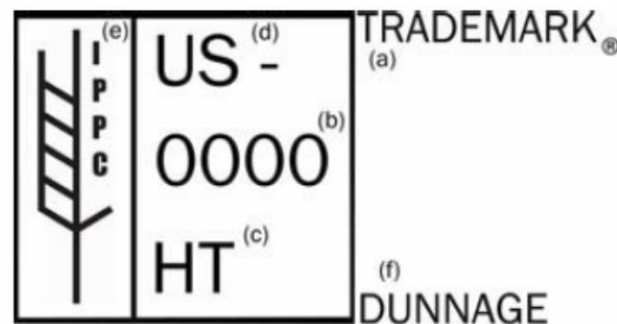
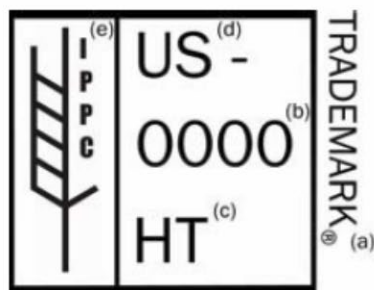
- Code 39 (Linear)
 - TCN
 - Piece number
 - Ultimate consignee
- Department of Defense Activity Address Code (DODAAC) PDF417 (2D)
 - Shipment
 - Line item
 - TCMD data
- Transportation Office:
 - 800-456-5507

Ref: MIL-STD-129, Paragraph 5.2.2 (Pages 28-36)

Wood Packaging Material (WPM)



- WPM is defined as wood pallets, skids, load boards, pallet collars, wooden boxes, reels, dunnage, crates, frames, and cleats.
- All WPM is required to be heat treated, including pallets, and marked with the heat-treated compliant marking.
- The stamp can only be applied by vendors who meet the standards of an accredited agency of the American Lumber Standards Committee.

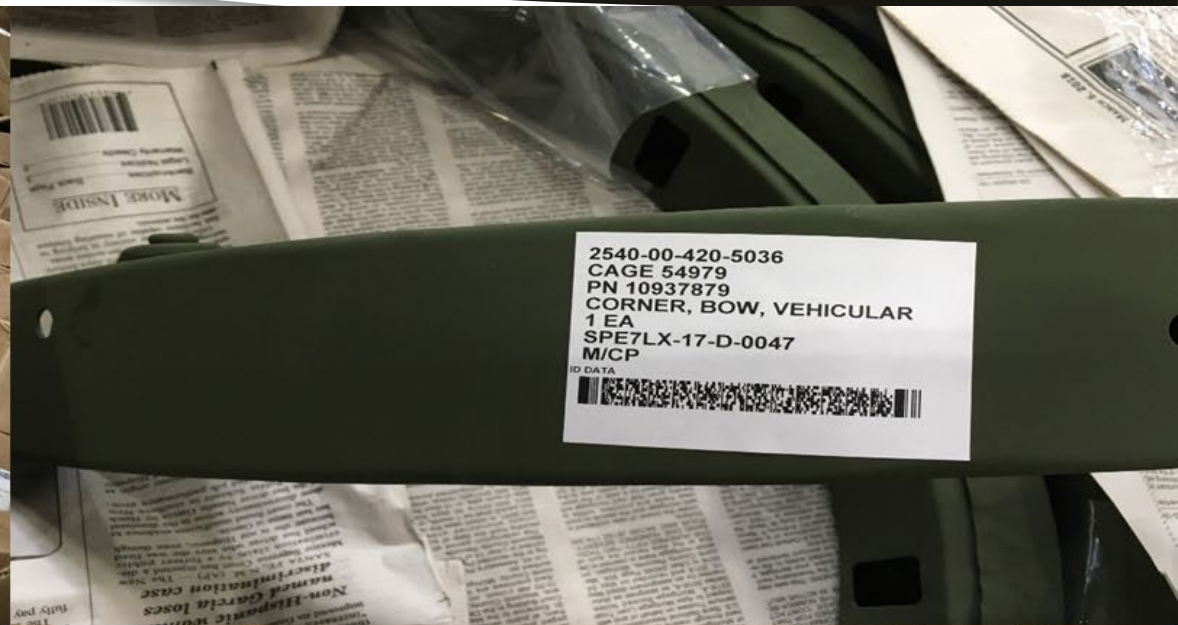




Examples of Non-Compliant Materiel



Examples of Non-Compliant Shipments





Non-Compliant Shipments

- One out of every 15 new procurement receipts has a packaging and/or marking discrepancy/defect that requires correction before acceptance.
- Over 50% of packaging/marketing discrepancies are from repeat vendor/NIIN combinations.
- Receiving activities must create and submit Supply Discrepancy Reports (SDR) for every non-compliant shipment.
 - If the shipment does not exceed the threshold noted in DLAD Procurement Note C14, Correction of Nonconforming Packaging or Marking, the SDR will be informational, and the materiel will stay in Supply Condition Code (SCC) A.
 - Vendor will receive an automated letter notifying them of the discrepancy.
 - If the shipment exceeds the threshold noted in DLA Procurement Note C14, the materiel will be suspended and payment withheld until the discrepancy is remediated.



Supply Discrepancy Reports (SDR)

Packaging



Packaging

Inadequate to protect the item
Wrong Method of Preservation
Wrong Packaging Materials/Non-Specification Materials
Use of non-compliant wood packaging materials
Unit of Issue, Quantity Per Unit Package



Preservation

Preservative Material
Caps/Plugs



Marking

Not MIL-STD-129 Compliant
Missing Elements
Missing Special Markings



Unitization

Not unitized/palletized to MIL_STD-147
Stacked too high



Hazardous Shipments

Not prepared for mode of shipment
Incorrect Shippers Declarations



DLAD Procurement Note C14, Correction of Nonconforming Packaging or Marking

- (1) The Government may correct nonconforming packaging or marking for receipts of DLA- owned materiel if the estimated costs of correction are \$1,000 or less. The contracting officer will advise the contractor of the discrepancy, and that the Government has corrected the packaging or marking. The contracting officer will make a determination concerning appropriate reimbursement by the contractor for the Government's costs to correct the deficiencies. Upon determining that reimbursement is required, the contracting officer will send a notice to the contractor. Upon receipt of notice from the contracting officer, the contractor shall reimburse the Government for the costs incurred by the Government to correct the deficiencies.
- (2) If the estimated costs of correction for receipts of DLA-owned materiel are more than \$1,000, the contracting officer will advise the contractor of the discrepancy and have the materiel returned to the contractor for correction/resubmittal; or, if there are urgent requirements, have the Government remediate the discrepancy at the contractor's expense. If the Government remediates the discrepancy, the contracting officer will make a determination concerning appropriate reimbursement by the contractor for the Government's costs to correct the deficiencies. Upon determining that reimbursement is required, the contracting officer will send a notice to the contractor. Upon receipt of notice from the contracting officer, the contractor shall reimburse the Government for the costs incurred by the Government to correct the deficiencies. *****

Under the Packaging Threshold



• Vendor Letter

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

Aviation
8000 Jefferson Davis Hwy
Richmond, VA 23297

CONTINUATION SHEET

IN REPLY
REFER TO DLA

03/19/2025

CAGE
VENDOR NAME AND ADDRESS

PIID/DO:

CONTRACT NUMBER

QN/WebSDR: 205615876, 20250701305

NSN: 5340012293830

CLIN/QTY: 000100, 23

Nonconformance:

Identification markings omitted, incomplete, incorrectly located, or not legible

Preservation, packaging, packing or marking (PPP&M) nonconformance has been identified for a shipment received against contract (see below). The Government has corrected the packaging or labeling deficiencies at the distribution center at a cost of \$66.7.

No action is required at this time. This letter serves as a notice to inform the contractor of the non-conformance reported at the Distribution Center following a visual inspection. The Government's efforts to correct the discrepancies encumbers valuable resources that would be more efficiently utilized to support our Warfighters in other areas.

DLA must ensure that supplies tendered by contractors conform to contract requirements to uphold the integrity of the supply chain. It is essential for your company to identify non-conformances and establish corrective measures for future deliveries.

- DLA Packaging Website, <https://www.dla.mil/Logistics-Operations/Packaging/>

- Labeling and Marking Visual Aids

- [DVIDS - Video - DLA Packaging Training Vendor Shipment Module \(dvidshub.net\)](#)
- [DVIDS - Video - DLA Packaging Training Packaging \(dvidshub.net\)](#)
- [DVIDS - Video - DLA Packaging Training Pallet Types \(dvidshub.net\)](#)
- [DVIDS - Video - Packaging Training Identification Markings \(dvidshub.net\)](#)
- [DVIDS - Video - DLA Packaging Training Shelf Life \(dvidshub.net\)](#)

Use the resource links above before contacting the Contract Administrator. If you need additional packaging and marking guidance, contact your Contract Administrator via the Post Award Request (PAR) on DIBBS (<https://www.dibbs.bsm.dla.mil>). For additional information regarding PPP&M, select DLA Packaging under Technical Data on the DIBBS Home screen.

"This has been provided for informational and educational purposes only"

Under the Packaging Threshold



- The vendor letter only describes the first discrepancy code listed and the definition for that code.
- The SDR, although informational, is given a Cause Code of CP for Contractor Non-Compliance with Packaging.
 - This could affect a vendor color/score in the Supplier Performance Risk System (SPRS).

Over the Packaging Threshold



- Shipments that exceed the packaging threshold are suspended in SCC L and an actionable SDR is submitted.
 - Until upgraded to SCC A, vendors may not be paid.
- While suspended, materiel is not eligible for issue.
- The contracting officer will contact the vendor and negotiate per procurement note C14.
- Materiel may be
 - Returned to vendor for correction and return, or
 - Remediated at vendor expense.
 - If the Government remediates the discrepancy, the contracting officer will decide appropriate reimbursement by the contractor for the Government's costs to correct the deficiencies.



Contract Questions?

- The primary contact for all contractors/vendors is the contracting officer. Vendors should submit a Post Award Request (PAR) for any question (packaging related or other) using the PAR link on DIBBS
 - <https://www.dibbs.bsm.dla.mil//>



DLA Packaging:

<https://www.dla.mil/HQ/LogisticsOperations/Packaging/>



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