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Can't Find the Right Part? SMR Codes Offer Clues An Easy Outline for Sergeant's Time Training

(Note to Sergeants: Here's an easy training outline you can follow any time your unit has a free minute. Two issues & solutions are provided below, with visuals if you scroll down. Pick one or use them both. Add more as you see fit. Make it yours & make it matter! –PS Magazine)

Problem: No matter how much you research, at least one of the parts you order comes back wrong. Why does this always happen?

Solution: Any number of things could be wrong, but a helpful clue may be found in source, maintenance and recoverability (SMR) codes, listed at the beginning of every Repair Parts and Special Tools List (RPSTL) section in TMs ending with a "P" or "&P." The code format has four components that provide info, which help explain why you may have trouble finding parts:

1. **source code** – indicates things like whether the part is HAZMAT, included in a kit, manufactured, stocked, obsolete, etc.
2. **maintenance code** – defines what level of maintenance is assigned
3. **recoverability code** – determines when an item is unserviceable or too expensive to repair
4. **service-specific code** – this one depends on the service; for example, Code Z in the Army means the item has no repair authorized

Problem: SMR codes look like crazy alphabet soup! What do all those letters mean?

Solution: Don't panic. There's actually a very straightforward explanation for each of the letters. See the PS Magazine story and chart, below, for details. You might even want to print out the chart and keep it handy!

SOURCE		MAINTENANCE			RECOVERABILITY
1ST	2ND POSITION	3RD POSITION	4TH POSITION	5TH POSITION	6
	Means of Acquiring Support				
P (Procured)	A ITEM: Stocked	USE: Maintenance level and/or maintenance activity authorized to remove/replace the item.	REPAIR: Maintenance level and/or maintenance activity with capability to perform complete repair actions.	DISPOSITION: When unserviceable or uneconomically repairable, condemn or dispose.	S E R V I C E O P T I O N C O D E S C Operator/Crew O Organization / Unit F Field level G Ashore and afloat H Below depot sustainment level K Contractor Facility L Specialized Repair Activity D Depot Z Reference Only B Recondition A Nonrepairable, needs special handling
	B ITEM: Stocked, Insurance				
	C ITEM: Stocked, Deteriorative				
	D ITEM: Support, Initial Issue or Outfitting and Stocked Only for Additional Initial Issue				
	E EQUIPMENT: Support, Initial Issue or Outfitting and Stocked Only for Additional Initial Issue				
	F EQUIPMENT: Support, Non-Stocked, Centrally Procured on Demand				
	G ITEM: Stocked for Sustained Support, Uneconomical to Produce at Later Time				
	H ITEM: Stocked, Contains hazardous materials, Hazardous Materials Information System/Material Safety Data Sheet reporting required				
	R Terminal or Obsolete, Replaced				
	Z Terminal or Obsolete, Not Replaced				
	D ITEM: Depot on hand and Maintenance Kits				
	F ITEM: Maintenance Kit; Place at O,F,H,L				
	B ITEM: in Both Depot Repair & Maintenance Kits				
	O Manufacture (MFG) or fabricate (FAB) at Unit Level				
	F MFG OR FAB at intermediate/sustainment level				
	H MFG OR FAB at intermediate/sustainment level				
	L MFG OR FAB at Specialized Repair Activity (SRA)				
G MFG OR FAB Both Afloat and Ashore (Navy Only)					
D MFG OR FAB at Depot Maintenance Level					
O ITEM: Assembled at Unit					
F ITEM: Assembled at intermediate/field level					
H ITEM: Assembled at intermediate/sustainment level					
L ITEM: Assembled at Specialized Repair Activity (SRA)					
G ITEM: Assembled Afloat and Ashore (Navy Only)					
D ITEM: Assembled at Depot Maintenance Level					
A ITEM: Requisition Next Higher Assembly					
B ITEM: Not Procured or Stocked. Available thru salvage. Requisition by CAGE/Part Number.					
C Manufacturer/Installation Drawing, Diagram, Instruction Sheet. Identify by Cage/Part Number.					
D Not Stocked. Obtain via Local Purchase.					
		F I E L D	C O	C O	
		S U S T A I N M E N T	H K L	H K L D Z	

