

# IS THERE A CHEAPER CLEANING KIT?



Dear Half-Mast,

We read in PS that the NSN for the new M16/M4 cleaning kit is NSN 1005-01-562-7393. But when you check the AMDF, the kit's cost is \$481. Is there a cheaper kit?

CPL B.M.

Dear Corporal B.M.,

No, there is no cheaper cleaning kit available, at least through the Army. You will save lots of money by ordering the parts of the cleaning kit individually, though:

- Maintenance equipment case, NSN 8465-00-781-9564, \$4.60 (This is listed in the AAL of TM 9-1005-319-10. All of the other items are listed under Expendable and Durable Items List.)
- Cleaning rod handle section, NSN 1005-01-113-0321, \$2.09
- Cleaning rod section, NSN 1005-00-050-6357, 25 per box and three required for one cleaning rod, \$18.60
- Swab holder, NSN 1005-00-937-2250, \$.78
- Bore brush, NSN 1005-00-903-1296, \$.42
- Chamber brush, NSN 1005-00-999-1435, \$.78
- Toothbrush, NSN 1005-00-494-6602, \$.46
- Cleaning brush, NSN 7920-00-205-2401, \$1.91
- CLP, ½-oz bottle, NSN 9150-01-102-1473, \$2.40

*That comes to a grand total of \$32.04. That's a savings of \$448.96 for each cleaning kit.*

*Half-Mast*