

REFERENCES: TM: 9-1315-886-12, TABLE 2-1, ITEM# 9 AND SB 742-1, APPENDIX M, TABLE M-1, ITEM 1.d.

SYNOPSIS: Unpackaged AT-4s (DODIC C995) are suspect to damage that may preclude effective use. A review of TM 9-1315-886-12, Technical Manual, Operator's and Unit Maintenance Manual, determined that "handling damage" is not well defined.

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2. Problem: Transportation and handling of unpackaged AT-4 can cause it to sustain damage over time. If muzzle cover is ruptured/torn or cut, the potential for sand or other debris in launch tube exists. A damaged launch tube or cut/torn muzzle cover may result in operator injury or death when firing the AT-4.

3. User Actions: All units will immediately perform the following actions on their C995 (AT-4) that are not in original packaging which is defined as removed from wooden shipping box and barrier bag:

a. Make a pen and ink change to TM 9-1315-886-12, Table 2-1, item #9: EQUIPMENT IS NOT READY/AVAILABLE IF:

Current verbiage: Severe handling damage. White plastic visible.

Change to read: Launch tube perforated, broken, cracked, crazed, dented, bent, grazed, gouged or white fiberglass visible.

b. Make a pen and ink change to TM 9-1315-886-12, Table 2-1, item # 3:

EQUIPMENT IS NOT READY/AVAILABLE IF:

Current verbiage: Cover ruptured/torn, foreign objects present.

Change to read: Cover ruptured/torn, CUT, or foreign objects present.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

Current verbiage: Cut out cover. Inspect, remove foreign objects if present.

Change to read: Replace weapon.

c. Perform a 100% serviceability inspection using TM 9-1315-886-12 with the amended changes to Table 2-1.

d. Turn in all launchers found to be unserviceable to the local Ammunition Storage Points (ASP) for replacement in accordance with local procedures. Annotate unserviceable condition IAW DA Pam 750-8.

NOTE TO LEADERS

Launchers turned in to local ASPs IAW with this message will have a full QASAS inspection accomplished IAW SB 742-1 which contains specific damage criteria and limitations. Launchers issued from ASPs are Fully Mission Capable.

4. Unit Commanders:

a. Ensure Compliance with this Safety of Use Message (SOUN).

b. Contact your local JM&L LCMC Logistics Assistance Representative (LAR) for resolution of questions. For assistance in locating your JM&L LCMC LAR, see paragraph 7c.

5. JM&L LCMC/PM actions:

a. The ARDEC Ammunition Maintenance Branch will immediately request updates to publications impacted by this SOUN to include the following in TM 9-1315-886-12.

(1) Change Table 2-1, Item# 9, to read: "Launch tube perforated, broken, cracked, crazed, dented, bent, grazed, gouged or white fiberglass visible."

(2) Change Table 2-1, Item# 3, to read: EQUIPMENT IS NOT READY/
AVAILABLE IF: "Cover ruptured/torn, cut, or foreign objects present."
ACTION TO BE TAKEN: "Replace weapon."

6. Supply Status:

There are sufficient ARCENT ASP serviceable C995 (AT4) stocks to cover any ARCENT unit issued C995 (AT4) stocks which are returned under the auspices of this SOUM.

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