
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TECHNICAL BULLETIN

AMMUNITION: NATIONAL STOCK NUMBERS AND
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CODES

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1. **Scope.** This bulletin covers source, use, and composition of National Stock Numbers (NSNs) and Department of Defense (DOD) codes for ammunition items and components. Information covering responsibility for assignment of these numbers and codes is also included.

2. **General.**

a. The National Stock Number has been established by the Department of Defense in compliance with PL 436 (82d Congress), Defense Cataloging and Standardization Act, to replace the Ammunition Identification Code (AIC) and the Ordnance Stock Number (OSN). An NSN is assigned to each end item of ammunition or component, as packaged.

b. The Department of Defense Identification Code (DODIC) is used in requirement studies, worldwide reporting of stocks, and to denote interchangeability between items within Federal Supply Classification (FSC) group 13. The NSN and DODIC (e.g., 1315-00935-6011 (C256) are used as a means of positive identification in requisitioning.

c. Assignment of the same NSN to more than one item or two or more NSNs to the same item (except where packaging or packing differs) is strictly prohibited. Once assigned and published, an NSN will never be changed.

3. **Composition, Meaning, and Use.**

a. The NSN for an item of supply consists of a four-digit FSC class code number plus a nine-digit National Item Identification Number (NIIN). For example, in NSN 1315-00-935-6011, the FSC code is 1315; followed by the two digit NATO/Country Code (US = "00" or "01"), and the last seven numbers which are assigned without regard to the type of item or classification. The FSC indicates the commodity group (13) and subgroup (15) to which the item belongs. A given NIIN is assigned to one item, and is never duplicated

b. The DODIC, composed either of one letter and three numerals or of two letters and two numerals, denotes interchangeability between like items of ammunition or components within group 13. It takes the

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form of a parenthetical suffix to an NSN (e.g., C256). As a hyphenated suffix to a FSC code number (e.g., 1315-C256), it is known as a DOD Ammunition Code (DODAC).

c. Normally, the DODAC is used for requisitioning ammunition items or components. However, if a particular item, model, or pack is desired, requisitioning by NSN and DODIC is authorized, but justification for such requests must be shown on the requisition. Items with NSNs suffixed by identical DODICs are functionally interchangeable and are considered suitable substitutes for one another for supply purposes.

d. DOD ammunition code numbers and generic description are required for all items of supply within Federal Supply Classification Group 13, except repair parts and industrial components. Items of supply within Federal Supply Classification Group 14, meeting criteria for assignment of NSNs, may be assigned DOD code numbers when requested by the respective services.

4. Requests to Establish NSNs and DODICs.

a. NSNs and DODICs for ammunition items are published in the DOD Consolidated Ammunition Catalog, SB 708-4. Do not submit request for NSN assignment without first consulting pertinent supply catalog.

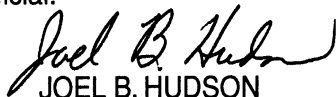
b. The engineering activity having control of pertinent drawings will prepare a DA Form 1669 (Request for National Stock Number and Department of Defense Identification Code for Ammunition and Explosive Supplies). Processing of this form should begin no less than 120 days prior to Milestone III to assure availability of this information during decisions to type classify. This allows time for transmission of the form to and from the pertinent cataloging activity and for processing of the data necessary to obtain the NSN and DODIC from Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS). To avoid delay occasioned by having the form returned to its initiator because of incompleteness, include a full description, the average weight of the item as packaged, dimensions of outer container, method of packaging and packing, drawing numbers for both the item and its packaging, interim hazard classification signed by Safety Office, and all other data requested on this form. The engineering activity preparing DA Form 1669 will obtain concurrence of ammunition engineering (AMSTA-AR-WEL-A) prior to submission to the cataloging activity for processing. When DA Form 1669 is forwarded to ammunition engineering for concurrence, the following drawings should accompany it:

- (1) Combination of Adopted Items Drawings.
- (2) The Drawing of the Item (Top Drawing).
- (3) The Packaging Drawings.
- (4) Container Drawings.

c. All NSN requests will be forwarded to Defense Logistics Information Service, Directorate of Army Cataloging, ATTN: DLIS-ABC, 74 Washington Ave. North, Battlecreek, MI 49017-3084.

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