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1. GENERAL.

a. This Warranty Agreement provides guidance for user activities in managing and complying with the manufacturer's warranty for components of the Paladin Digital Fire Control System (PDFCS) procured under Contract DAAE30-01-D-1003 with Northrup Grumman (NG).

b. Due to warranty claims processing time, the warranty alone may not be an appropriate vehicle for maintaining readiness of the PDFCS. The requisitioning of replacement components should be considered in addition to processing a warranty claim when the rapid restoration of PDFCS operation is essential to maintain readiness.

c. The warranty provides that the PDFCS components at the time of acceptance (or delivery) will: 1) conform to design and manufacturing requirements; 2) be free from all defects in materials and workmanship; and 3) conform to all performance requirements delineated in the applicable specifications of the contract. The warranty periods for the PDFCS Line Replaceable Units (LRUs) may vary depending on the time when the LRUs are procured and accepted by the Government and delivered to the user. Therefore, the warranty period of the PDFCS will be tracked by the serial number of each LRU and can be found at the contractor's website. Table 1 of this TB identifies the LRUs in the PDFCS that will be covered by the contractor warranty. The warranty will include furnishing of serviceable items (without cost to the government) to replace any items that prove to be nonconforming and/or defective within the warranty period.

d. When repair or replacement requires transportation of the nonconforming or defective items, transportation will be funded by the contractor assuming that proper return procedures are followed. Refer to paragraphs 6 and 7.

e. This TB provides information on manufacturer's warranties for PDFCS components. The warranty period must be verified by component serial number on the Army Electronic Product Support (AEPS) website. The website URL is AEPS.RIA.ARMY.MIL.

f. To obtain warranty service, the user must contact NG at (310) 764-3718, 0800 to 1700 PT or via email on the AEPS website, to request a Return Material Authorization (RMA). For information that you will be required to provide to obtain a RMA, see paragraph 6b.

g. If you have difficulty with the warranty process, please contact the local TACOM LAR or the TACOM item manager, Kristi Jacobs at DSN 793-5151, Commercial (309) 782-5151. For the PDU, contact the local CECOM LAR or the CECOM item manager, Richard Burton at DSN 992-0389, Commercial (732) 532-0389 or Lawrence Arthur at DSN 992-4080, commercial (732) 532-4080.

2. EXPLANATION OF TERMS.

a. Abuse. The improper use, repair, or handling of warranted items in such a manner that the warranty may become void.

b. Defect. Any condition or characteristic in any supplies or services furnished by the contractor under the contract that is not in compliance with the requirements of the contract.

c. Failed Item. A part, component, or end item that fails to perform its intended use.

d. Improper Use. The improper use, repair, or handling of items in such a manner that the warranty may become void.

e. No Evidence of Failure (NEOF). The return of suspected defective warranty items to the manufacturer that are eventually determined to be serviceable.

f. Repair. To restore an item to serviceable condition without affecting the warranty.

g. Return Material Authorization (RMA). A contractor number assigned for return of unserviceable warranted item(s).

h. Serviceable. The condition of an item that may be new or used that meets all the requirements and performs the functions for which it was originally intended.

i. Warranty. A promise or statement of fact from a seller to a purchaser on the nature, usefulness, or condition of the supplies or performance of services to be furnished. The main purposes of a warranty in a government contract are to outline the rights and obligations of the contractor and the government for defective items and services. It also serves to foster quality performance by the contractor, but it is not a substitute for an adequate quality assurance program.

j. Warranty Claim. Action started by the equipment user for authorized warranty repair or replacement from the manufacturer.

k. Warranty Period. Time during which the warranty is in effect and normally measured as the maximum number of years, months, and days used. This information can be found on the AEPS website.

3. **COVERAGE - SPECIFIC.** The following listing identifies the PDFCS components covered under this Warranty Technical Bulletin:

Table 1 - Warranted Components

Nomenclature	NSN	Part No.	CAGEC
PDFCS Digital Computer Unit (PDCU)	NA	12999083	19200
PDFCS Display Unit (PDU)	7025-01-475-0280	881299	0J198
KEYPAD	NA	12999084	19200
PDFCS Power Conditioning Unit-2 (PCU-2)	NA	12999085	19200
PDFCS Muzzle Velocity System (PMVS)	5985-01-522-1648	12999104	19200

4. **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES.**

a. The items determined to be defective, due to defective material or workmanship will be replaced with a serviceable item and returned to the warranty claimant at no cost to the government.

b. Upon request of an RMA, the contractor will either:

(1) Request return of the item using RMA number assigned at the time the return decision is made

or

(2) Determine that the failure or item is not covered under warranty.

c. Repair or replace the returned item.

d. Maintain a real time database that contains serial number listing of warranted items, warranty information, and status of maintenance actions including expected return date identified by component serial number. This database shall be accessible to the user to track status of maintenance and warranty information.

e. Maintain a telephone number for the purpose of obtaining warranty service support. Refer to paragraph 1f.

5. **GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

a. **User Responsibilities.** The user will ensure that troubleshooting was done and that there is no evidence of abuse. All information will be documented at the time of the RMA request.

b. **Nullification.** The following actions taken by the user may nullify the warranty:

(1) Improper installation.

(2) Improper use.

(3) Abuse.

(4) Performing maintenance not authorized in TM 9-2350-314-20-2-2.

(5) Improper packaging causing damage during shipment. Package in accordance with paragraph 6d.

c. The warranty does not cover user costs associated with the removal and installation of defective or failed warranty items.

6. CLAIM PROCEDURES.

a. Identification of Failed Items. PDFCS components that experience a failure shall be tagged/identified to prevent improper repair or use.

b. Turn-In Procedures.

(1) User will complete a DA Form 2407, Maintenance Request, warranty claim action and turn-in document for each serial numbered item. User will initiate a request-for-issue using the ULLS for each item turned in for warranty claim. Refer to the following table for mandatory RMA entries and as a guide in completing DA Form 2407.

NOTE

Non-RMA specific data elements will be entered IAW local Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Table 2 - RMA Input Data

Block No.	Data Element	Data Input
1a*	UIC Customer	Self-Explanatory
1b*	Customer Unit Name	Self-Explanatory
1c	Phone No.	Self-Explanatory
7*	PN	From table 1, TB 9-2350-314-20-2-3
9*	Noun	From table 1, TB 9-2350-314-20-2-3
10a	ORG WON/DOC No.	Per Unit SOP
11*	Serial Number	Serial no. of item in block 9
12	QTY	1
13	PD (Priority Designator)	Per Unit SOP
19	In Warranty	Y
24*	Describe Deficiencies or Symptoms	Date of failure and symptoms identified
25*	Remarks	USA No. of vehicle from which LRU was removed

* - RMA mandatory data elements

(2) Supply Support Activity (SSA) will process a RMA request utilizing the DA Form 2407 warranty claim data. The RMA will be requested IAW paragraph 1f and will include all items indicated RMA mandatory in paragraph 6b(1). SSA will generate a turn-in document (D6_) and provide the turn-in document number as part of the RMA request.

c. Disposition. Upon receipt of an RMA response, the item will be returned to the contractor as directed. A copy of the DA Form 2407 must be included in the container with the returned item. The SSA must include the turn-in document number as the second line of their return address on the shipping label used to return the item. If the item is not eligible for warranty repair, contact the appropriate TACOM or CECOM item manager IAW paragraph 1g.

d. Packaging Instructions. These items require special packaging for shipment during the processing of warranty claims. The LRU shall be packaged and returned within its long-term reusable container, if available. As an alternative use Fastpac XE7 or package securely in approved container with protection plate over machine mounting surface and 6 inches of foam insulation between inner and outer containers.

e. NEOF Returns. When items returned to the contractor for repair are found to be serviceable, the submitting user will be billed for the cost of testing and shipping.

f. Special Area Requirements. Not applicable at this time.

g. Claim Denial. If a warranty claim is denied, the contractor shall contact the user and inform them that the equipment will not be covered under warranty. Refer to paragraph 1g.

7. STORAGE/SHIPPING/HANDLING. Use the provided long-term reusable containers for the PDFCS LRUs as described in TM 9-2350-314-24P-2.

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