

ANNEX B: AMMUNITION LOTTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE STANDARD LOT NUMBER

The ammunition lot number shall consist of a manufacturer's identification symbol, a numeric code showing the year of production, an alpha code representing the month of production, a lot interfix number followed by a hyphen, a lot sequence number. The ammunition lot number shall not exceed twelve characters in length and characters shall not be separated by spaces. The minimum number of characters used shall be eleven. If a one or two character manufacturer's identification symbol is used, the remaining positions of the three-character field shall be filled by dashes (-) (e.g. A--, AB-). The following illustrates the construction of an ammunition lot number:

ABC96A01-02

- a. "ABC" reflects the manufacturer's identification symbol;
- b. "96" is a two-digit numeric code identifying the year of production;
- c. "A" is a single-alpha code signifying the month of production;
- d. "01" is the Lot interfix number; and
- e. "02" is the Lot sequence number.

2. MANUFACTURER'S IDENTIFICATION SYMBOL

Manufacturer's identification symbols shall be all capital letters and shall not exceed three-alpha characters. This symbol is an integral part of the ammunition lot number. It is used to identify the facility, which manufactured, assembled, loaded, modified or overhauled the specific lot of ammunition.

3. YEAR OF PRODUCTION

Each ammunition lot number shall have the year of production inserted after the manufacturer's identification symbol. The year of production is a two-digit code represented by the last two numbers of the year in which work on the lot was initiated. It becomes an integral part of the ammunition lot number. There are no spaces between the manufacturer's identification symbols, the year of production code and the alpha code used to identify the month of production.

4. MONTH OF PRODUCTION

Each ammunition lot number shall have the month of production code inserted after the two-digit code identifying the year of production. The month of production is a single capital letter assigned as follows:

MONTH	CODE	MONTH	CODE	MONTH	CODE	MONTH	CODE
January	A	February	B	March	C	April	D
May	E	June	F	July	G	August	H
September	J	October	K	November	L	December	M

The code reflects the month of the year in which work on the lot was initiated. There are no spaces between the years of production code, the month of production code and the first digit of the lot interfix number.

5. LOT INTERFIX NUMBER

Each ammunition lot number shall have assigned a two-digit interfix number that shall commence with "01" and which shall not exceed "99". The interfix number is an integral part of the ammunition lot number and is intended to identify those lots in an interfix series which have been produced by the same manufacturer at the same location for the same item, mate according to a specific design and manufacturing process using like materials in accordance with certain administrative procedures. The interfix number will usually start with "01" and it shall appear immediately after the month of production code with no space. Once a manufacturer has produced a lot of an ammunition item and the interfix for that item has progressed beyond "01", his interfix number shall never revert to "01". A change in the month of production does not necessitate the lot interfix number or the lot sequence number to revert to 01.

6. LOT SEQUENCE NUMBER

The two-digit lot sequence number identifies a lot according to its sequence of production within each lot interfix number. A sequence number shall be assigned to each lot produced. The lot sequence numbers within each interfix shall always begin with "01" and continue in sequence until production of the item is terminated or until a change is made in the item or its production which requires a sequence number beyond "99", or until a change in contract is made.

7. MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Each lot of ammunition (components, ammunition items of issue, or explosives) shall have a lot number assigned at the time of manufacture or assembly, regardless of the ultimate disposition of the lot. It shall be the responsibility of the manufacturer to ensure that each lot of ammunition is assigned a lot number. Furthermore, the manufacturer shall ensure that all elements which comprise the lot number (manufacturer's symbol, interfix number, etc.) are correctly assigned.

8. MARKING OF AMMUNITION AND COMPONENTS

Each ammunition item and each component shall be identified by an ammunition lot number that shall appear on the item itself. The location and method of marking of the lot number is at the discretion of the manufacturer. The word "LOT" shall not appear on the ammunition.