

Ammunition...

Every Round Fired Doesn't Have To Be CC-A!



HEY, YOU GUYS DON'T NEED TO STICK WITH CC-A FOR EVERYTHING!



MAYBE WE'RE NOT UP TO BATTLE ANY-MORE...

...BUT WE DO GREAT FOR TRAINING!

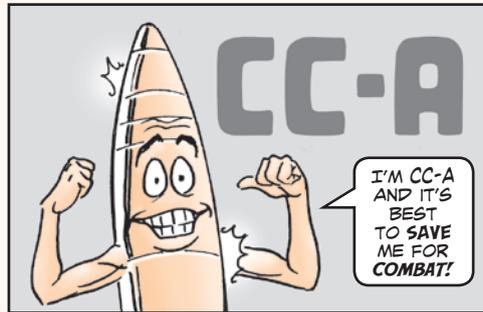
Dear Editor,

Ammunition supply points (ASPs) have millions of ammo rounds in varying condition codes (CCs). The codes are used to efficiently manage all these rounds.

Unfortunately, most units are only familiar with code CC-A: "serviceable and issuable to all customers without limitation or restriction." And that's all they ever ask for from their ASP.

That needlessly uses up CC-A ammo that is best saved for units deploying. CC-B ammo, for example, is "new, used, repaired, or reconditioned materiel that is serviceable and issuable for its intended purpose; however, it is restricted from issue to specific units, activities, or geographical area by reason of its limited usefulness."

A good example of CC-B ammo is linked machine gun tracer ammo whose tracers sometimes burn out before they reach their required distance. This ammo isn't good for combat, but it is excellent for training.



I'M CC-A AND IT'S BEST TO SAVE ME FOR COMBAT!



I'M CC-B AND I'M GREAT FOR TRAINING!

CC-C ammo is "serviceable (priority of issue) items that are issuable to selected customers, but which must be issued before conditions 'A' and 'B' materiel to avoid loss as usable assets."

Many CC-C types of ammo are lots in small quantities, lots with short shelf life or lots in cans that have already been partly fired. For example, a large segment of the M819 81mm smoke mortar cartridge stockpile is CC-C to ensure that ammo worth more than \$10M is used up rather than paying to get it demilitarized.

Units can save the Army big bucks and help their ASPs by asking for CC-B and CC-C ammo for training. One M819 mortar cartridge costs \$384, so you can see how big a help using the CC-C ammo can be. Firing up the CC-B and CC-C not only saves the cost of buying a new round, but frees up valuable storage space in ammo bunkers.

The Joint Munitions Command (JMC) teams of ammunition managers and quality assurance specialists and engineers spend many hours ensuring that any ammo units receive, regardless of condition code, will do what it's supposed to. JMC will never ship ammunition to you unless the ammo is determined to be reliable and safe to use.



I'M CC-C BUT I ALSO CAN HELP YOU GET READY FOR COMBAT!

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Editor's note: Units, keep Dan's suggestions in mind next time you get ready to train.