HOW TO REPLACE DATA PLATES

Dear Half-Mast,

We have a constant problem with the data plate labels disappearing from night vision weapon sights like the AN/PVS-4 or -4A or the AN/TVS-5 or -5A. Some units are etching the information onto the sights, which isn't a good idea. Is there any way to get replacement labels?

T.H.

Dear Mr. T.H.,

Yes, there is. Contact CECOM's Lauren Scicchitano at DSN 648-1404, (443) 395-1404, or email: **lauren.n.scicchitano.civ@mail.mil**

Provide her the sight's NSN, how many labels are needed, whether the label is for the sight itself or the sight case, and a valid shipping address. Normally, you will receive the labels within a few days.

Units definitely should not etch numbers on sights. That could damage them or lead to corrosion.

Half-Mast

AN/PAS-13 Thermal Weapon Sight...

LITHIUM ONLY, PLEASE!

Sometimes it doesn't pay to try save a few bucks. A case in point is substituting standard alkaline batteries for L91 lithium AA batteries in the AN/PAS-13C, -13D and -13E thermal weapon sights.

The L91 AA batteries last up to 10 times longer than alkaline batteries, which means fewer battery changes during operations and less weight to lug around in your pack. Although alkaline batteries cost less per battery, they are more expensive, considering how many you need to complete a mission. So trying to save money by using cheaper batteries actually costs you money.

Order L91s with NSN 6135-01-333-6101 and use them.

Many thermal weapon sights and night vision goggles are designed to be powered by 1.5V AA batteries. If you use batteries with a higher voltage in these devices, they will be damaged. Use only the batteries specified by the equipment's -10 TM.