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Maintenance Expenditure Limits
for
FSC GROUP TRACTORS - FULL TRACK AND WHEELED
FSC CLASSES 2410, 2420

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SECTION I. GENERAL

- 1-1. Purpose. This Technical Bulletin (TB) prescribes the Maintenance Expenditure Limits (MEL) which applicable support maintenance level technical inspectors will use to determine repair eligibility or disposition when inspections are performed on equipment received for repair to a serviceable condition and return to user, transfer, or for turn-in. These limits do not apply to Department of the Army (DA) directed repair programs. The material proponent (US Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command) is responsible for specifying the MEL percentage found in the appropriate appendix in this TM.
- 1-2. Scope. This TB applies to all active Army, Army National Guard, and United States Reserve applicable support level maintenance units including Army depot activities, when performing repair-and-return to user service. It does not apply to unit level or programmed depot repair. A decision concerning the eligibility/suitability of materiel for depot repair or disposal is made by materiel proponents prior to programming repair.

SECTION II. DETERMINING EXPENDITURE LIMITS

- 2-1. Procedures. A determination to ensure that the expenditure limits will not be exceeded is required each time an item is received at the applicable maintenance level or at depot level on a repair to user basis. Repair will not be broken into separate jobs to reduce total cost. Whenever cost to repair exceeds the MEL, the item must be reported for disposition or a waiver to repair must be obtained.
To determine expenditure limits:
 - a. The MEL percentage factors identified in the appropriate appendix in the TB will be used to determine the maximum dollar amount which can be expended to return an item to a serviceable condition. The dollar amount is the limit of repair authorized. This limit is compared with the estimated cost of repair. Repair is not authorized if the estimated cost exceeds the MEL, unless a waiver is granted to exceed MEL.
 - b. An inspection is performed to determine the extent of the maintenance effort required for restoring the item to prescribed conditions or serviceable and determine if the item is economically repairable. The estimated repair cost is obtained during this process by computing the cost/elements which are required to repair an item to the standards specified in the appropriate TM. Procedures are in SECTION III of this TB.
 - c. The dollar expenditure limit is obtained by multiplying the appropriate percentage factor obtained in the TB by the current unit replacement price of the item being repaired.