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1. TITLE

Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Manual and Associated Supplemental Data

2. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

DI-TMSS-80527A

3. DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE

A COTS manual contains technical information on the assembly, installation, operation, parts, and maintenance of commercial equipment. this type of manual is published by the manufacturer and furnished to the purchaser usually at no cost.

4. APPROVAL DATE  
(YYMMDD)

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5. OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY (OPR)

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6a. DTIC APPLICABLE

6b. GIDEP APPLICABLE

7. APPLICATION / INTERRELATIONSHIP

1. This data item is invoked when it has been determined that the manufacturer's manual is acceptable, as published or with minor changes, for Government use.
2. This data item description is to be used to acquire acceptable commercial off-the-shelf manuals or to acquire supplemental data.
3. This data item description supersedes DI-TMSS-80527 and DI-TMSS-80528.

8. APPROVAL LIMITATION

9a. APPLICABLE FORMS

9b. AMSC NUMBER

A7233

10. PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. The manual shall contain all technical information on the assembly, installation, operation, parts, and maintenance of commercial equipment.
2. The manual may be supplemented with existing data to comply with the contract.
3. The basic manual shall be in the contractor's format. Supplemental data shall be in the format specified by the contracting activity. MIL-HDBK-1221 may be used as guidance.
4. The manual and supplemental data shall be clearly legible and on paper of sufficient quality for long term use.

11. DISTRIBUTION

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