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## MILITARY SPECIFICATION

### POCKET, AMMUNITION MAGAZINE, 9 MM

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#### 1. SCOPE

1.1 Scope. This document covers one type and size of ammunition pocket, fabricated from olive nylon duck, webbing and tape, with miscellaneous hardware.

#### 2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

2.1 Government documents. Unless otherwise specified, the following documents of the issue in effect on date of invitation for bids or request for proposal, form a part of this document to the extent specified herein.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

##### FEDERAL

- UU-P-268 - Paper, Kraft, Wrapping
- DDD-L-20 - Label: For Clothing, Equipage, and Tentage,  
(General Use)
- PPP-B-636 - Boxes, Shipping, Fiberboard

#### STANDARDS

##### FEDERAL

- FED-STD-751 - Stitches, Seams, and Stitchings

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- MIL-STD-105 - Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection  
by Attributes
- MIL-STD-129 - Marking for Shipment and Storage
- MIL-STD-147 - Palletized Unit Loads

DRAWINGS

U.S. ARMY NATICK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

- 2-4-84 - Pocket Ammunition Mag, 9 MM, Assembly
- 2-4-85 - Pocket
- 2-4-86 - Hanger Webbing
- 2-4-87 - Panel, Main

(Copies of documents required by manufacturers in connection with specific acquisition functions should be obtained from the contracting activity or as directed by the contracting officer.)

2.2 Other publications. Unless otherwise specified, the following documents of the issue in effect on date of invitation for bids or request for proposal, form a part of this document to the extent specified herein.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS (ASTM)

D 3951 - Standard Practice for Commercial Packaging

(Application for copies should be addressed to the American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.)

(Technical society and technical association documents are generally available for reference from libraries. They are also distributed among technical groups and using Federal agencies.)

2.3 Order of precedence. In the event of a conflict between the text of this document and the references cited herein, the text of this document shall take precedence.

3. REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Guide sample. Samples of the end item when furnished, are solely for guidance and information to the contractor. Variations from this document may appear in the sample, in which case this document shall govern.

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3.2 First article. When specified, a sample shall be subjected to first article inspection (see 4.3, 6.2, and 6.3).

3.3 Materials and components. Materials (see 6.4 and 6.5) and components shall be as specified on Drawing 2-4-84 and parts list.

3.4 Construction. The construction shall conform in all respects to the drawings listed in section 2 and as specified herein.

3.4.1 Stitches, seams and stitchings. All stitching, shall conform to FED-STD-751 as follows:

For all stitching	Stitch type 301, 8 to 10 stitches per inch
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3.4.1.1 Type 301 stitching. Ends of stitching shall be backstitched or over-stitched not less than 1 inch except where ends are turned under or caught in other seams and stitching. Thread tensions shall be maintained so that there will be no loose stitching resulting in loose bobbin or top thread or excessively tight stitching resulting in puckering of the materials sewn. The lock shall be imbedded in the materials sewn.

3.4.1.1.1 Repairs of type 301 stitching. Repairs of type 301 stitching shall be as follows:

a. When thread breaks or bobbin run-outs occur during stitching, the stitching shall be repaired by restarting the stitching a minimum of 1 inch back of the end of the stitching. 1/

b. Thread breaks or two or more consecutive skipped or run-off stitches noted during inspection of the item (in-process or end item) shall be repaired by over stitching. The stitching shall start a minimum of 1 inch in back of the defective area, continue over the defective area and continue a minimum of 1 inch beyond the defective area onto the existing stitching. Loose or excessively tight stitching shall be repaired by removing the defective stitching without damaging the materials and restitching in the required manner. 1/

1/ When making the above repairs, the ends of the stitching are not required to be backstitched.

3.4.1.2 Thread ends. All thread ends shall be trimmed to 1/4 inch maximum length.

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3.4.2 Fusing of ends of nylon tape and webbing. Where specified on drawing, ends of nylon tape and webbing shall be fused. The apparatus used to fuse the tape ends shall be capable of providing sufficient heat to provide a smooth edge and with the cut ends of the tape yarns all fused together.

3.4.3 Setting of snap fasteners. A hole shall be prepunched to receive the button and eyelet components of the snap fasteners. The hole shall be smaller than the outside diameter of the button and eyelet barrels so that the barrel must be forced through the hole. The hole shall not be punched in the setting operation with the button or eyelet barrel. The fasteners shall be securely clinched without cutting the adjacent materials and no more than three splits shall occur in the button or eyelet barrels.

3.5 Marking. The identification marking shall be applied in the location shown on the applicable drawing and shall conform to type IV, class 5 of DDD-L-20. The letters "US" shall be applied in the size characters and in the location indicated on the applicable drawing and shall conform to type IV, class 9 of DDD-L-20. Fastness of class 9 marking shall be as specified for class 5 marking.

3.5.1 Location marks. Location marks shall not be drilled except for locating snap fasteners. Printed markings for component location shall not be more than 1/32 inch wide.

3.6 Repairs. Repairs such as mends, darns, patches or splices are not permitted on the pocket.

3.7 Replacement of defective components. During the spreading, cutting and manufacturing process, components having material defects or damages that are classified as defects in 4.4.3, shall be removed from production and replaced with nondefective and properly matched components.

3.8 Workmanship. The finished and assembled pocket shall conform to the quality of product established by this document. The occurrence of defects shall not exceed the applicable acceptable quality levels.

#### 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 Responsibility for inspection. Unless otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the contractor is responsible for the performance of all inspection requirements as specified herein. Except as otherwise specified in the contract or purchase order, the contractor may use his own or any other facilities suitable for the performance of the inspection requirements specified herein, unless disapproved by the Government. The Government reserves the right to perform any of the inspections set forth in the document where such inspections are deemed necessary to assure supplies and services conform to prescribed requirements.

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4.2 Classification of inspection. The inspection requirements specified herein are classified as follows:

- a. First article inspection (see 4.3).
- b. Quality conformance inspection (see 4.4).

4.3 First article inspection. When a first article is required (see 6.3), it shall be examined for the defects specified in 4.4.3, 4.4.4 and 4.4.5. The presence of any defect shall be cause for rejection of the first article.

4.4 Quality conformance inspection. Unless otherwise specified, sampling for inspection shall be performed in accordance with MIL-STD-105.

4.4.1 Component and material inspection. In accordance with 4.1, components and materials shall be inspected in accordance with all requirements of referenced documents unless otherwise excluded, amended, modified, or qualified in this document or applicable purchase document.

4.4.2 In-process inspection. Inspection shall be made at any point or during any phase of the manufacturing process to determine whether cut lengths, cut parts, markings for location of components, and location of assembled component parts are in accordance with specified requirements. In addition, inspection shall be made to assure that the prepunched holes for receiving snap fasteners are as specified in 3.4.3. Whenever nonconformance is noted, corrections shall be made to the parts affected and lot in process. Parts which cannot be corrected shall be removed from production.

4.4.3 End item visual examination. The end item shall be examined for the defects listed in table I. The lot size shall be expressed in units of pockets. The sample unit shall be one completely fabricated pocket. The inspection level shall be II and the acceptable quality level (AQL), expressed in terms of defects per hundred units, shall be 2.5 for major defects and 10.0 for total (Major and minor combined) defects.

TABLE I. End item visual defects

Examine	Defect	Classification	
		Major	Minor
Fabric	Hole, cut, tear, smash, broken or missing yarn, or open place clearly visible at normal inspection distance (approximately 3 feet)	X	

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TABLE I. End item visual defects (cont'd)

Examine	Defect	Classification	
		Major	Minor
Tape and webbing	Not firmly and tightly woven; edges frayed or scalloped	X	
	Multiple floats		X
	Any cut, hole, tear or smash	X	
	Abrasion mark, slub, broken end or pick		X
	Ends not fused as specified (where required)		X
Metal hardware (general)	Broken or malformed failing to serve intended purpose, corroded area, burr or sharp edge	X	
	Finish omitted, partially omitted or not as specified -on brass or aluminum components -on steel components		X
	Not assembled as specified (unless otherwise classified herein)	X	
	Not specified type, size or style	X	
Snap fastener	Fastener not functioning properly i.e., fails to snap closed, provide a secure closure or to open freely	X	
	NOTE: The fastener shall be snapped and unsnapped twice to determine whether parts of fastener separate freely and also effect a secure closure.		
	Clinched excessively tight, cutting adjacent material	X	
	Clinched loosely, permitting any component to rotate freely but not to the degree that any component can be expected to become detached during use		X

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TABLE I. End item visual defects (cont'd)

Examine	Defect	Classification	
		Major	Minor
Snap fastener (cont'd)	Clinched loosely to the degree that components can be expected to become detached during use	X	
	Incorrect style	X	
	More than three splits in eyelet or button barrels		X
	NOTE: Incomplete roll of end of button or eyelet barrel is evidence of improper and insecure clinching.		
Open seam	1/2 inch or less		X
	More than 1/2 inch	X	
	NOTE: A seam shall be classified as open when one or more stitches joining a seam are broken, or when two or more consecutive skipped or runoff stitches occur.		
Raw edge (on edge required to be finished)	More than 1/2 inch in length when securely caught in stitching	X	
	NOTE: Raw edge not securely caught in stitching shall be classified as an open seam.		
	Runoff (see open seam)		
Seam and stitch	Wrong seam or stitch type	X	
Stitch tension	Loose, resulting in a loose bobbin or top thread		X
	Excessively tight, resulting in puckering of material		X
Stitches per inch	One stitch less than minimum specified		X
	Two or more stitches less than minimum specified	X	
	One or more stitches in excess of maximum specified		X

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TABLE I. End item visual defects (cont'd)

Examine	Defect	Classification	
		Major	Minor
Stitches per inch (cont'd)	<p>NOTE: Variation in the number of stitches per inch caused by the operator speeding up the machine and pulling the materials in order to sew over heavy places or heavy seams, or in turning corners shall be classified as follows:</p> <p>(a) Within the minor defect classification - no defect</p> <p>(b) Within the major defect classification - minor defect</p>		
Thread breaks, skipped stitches, or runoffs	<p>NOTE: Thread breaks or two or more consecutive skipped or runoff stitches not overstitched shall be classified as open seams.</p>		X
Ends of stitching	Not overstitched as specified		X
Rows of stitching	<p>Any row missing except on hanger webbing</p> <p>On hanger webbing stitch patterns (applicable each pattern):</p> <p>-one row or stitching omitted</p> <p>-two or more rows of stitching omitted</p>	X	X
Components and assembly	<p>Any component part omitted or not as specified or any required operation omitted (unless otherwise classified herein)</p> <p>Needle chews</p> <p>Any mend, darn, patch, or splice</p>	X	X
Binding	<p>Loosely applied but not exposing raw edge of material</p> <p>Loosely applied exposing raw edge of material</p>	X	X

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TABLE I. End item visual defects (cont'd)

Examine	Defect	Classification	
		Major	Minor
Marking	Omitted, illegible, incorrect, or misplaced		X
Location markings	Drilled	X	
	Printed marking more than 1/32 inch in width		X
Cleanness	Any spot or stain clearly noticeable		X
Thread ends	Not trimmed to 1/4 inch maximum length		X

4.4.4 Fit examination. The end item shall be examined for the defects listed below. The lot size shall be expressed in units of pockets. The sample unit shall be one pocket. The inspection level shall be S-3 and the AQL, expressed in terms of defects per hundred units, shall be 0.65.

<u>Examine</u>	<u>Defect</u>
Fit of magazine into pocket and closure of flap	Pocket too small, i.e., magazine fails to fit properly within the pocket.
	The magazine shall be inserted into the pocket with the open end face down whether worn on the right or left.
	NOTE: It shall be possible to insert the magazine within the pocket without effort other than that necessary to overcome friction between the magazine and the pocket. A defect shall be scored if the magazine must be forced into the pocket.
	Pocket body or flap too short, causing inability to secure snap fastener without applying excessive force.
	NOTE: Without the magazine in the pocket, the pocket flap shall be closed and the snap fastener shall be secured. It shall be possible to secure the snap fastener without effort other than that necessary to secure the male and female components. A defect shall be scored if it is necessary to force the flap down in order to secure the fastener.

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4.4.5 End item dimensional examination. The end item shall be examined for conformance to the dimensions specified on the drawings. Any dimension not within the specified tolerance shall be classified as a defect. The lot size shall be expressed in units of pockets. The sample unit shall be one pocket. The inspection level shall be S-3 and the AQL, expressed in terms of defects per hundred units, shall be 10.0.

4.4.6 Packaging inspection. An examination shall be made to determine that preservation, packing, and marking comply with the section 5 requirements. Defects shall be scored in accordance with table II. The sample unit shall be one shipping container fully packaged. The lot size shall be the number of shipping containers offered for inspection at one time. The inspection level shall be S-2 and the AQL, expressed in terms of defects per hundred units, shall be 4.0.

<u>Examine</u>	<u>Defect</u>
Marking (exterior and interior)	Omitted; incorrect; illegible; of improper size, location, sequence, or method of application
Materials	Any component missing, damaged, or not as specified
Workmanship	Inadequate application of components, such as incomplete closure of container flap, improper taping, loose strapping, inadequate stapling Bulged or distorted container
Content	Number of pockets per bundle is more or less than specified <u>1/</u> Number of bundles per container is more or less than specified

1/ For this defect, one bundle shall be examined from each shipping container in the sample.

4.4.7 Palletization examination. An examination shall be made to determine that the palletization complies with the section 5 requirements. Defects shall be scored in accordance with the list below. The sample unit shall be one palletized unit load fully packaged. The lot size shall be the number of palletized unit loads in the inspection lot. The inspection level shall be S-1 and the AQL, expressed in terms of defects per hundred units, shall be 6.5.

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<u>Examine</u>	<u>Defect</u>
Finished dimensions	Length, width, or height exceeds specified maximum requirement
Palletization	Pallet pattern not as specified Interlocking of loads not as specified Load not bonded with required straps as specified
Weight	Exceeds maximum load limits
Marking	Omitted; incorrect; illegible; of improper size, location, sequence, or method of application

## 5. PACKAGING

5.1 Preservation. Preservation shall be level A or Commercial as specified (see 6.2).

5.1.1 Level A. Each pocket shall have the keepers and flap snap closed. Five pockets alternately reversed end for end, shall be neatly stacked to form a bundle. The bundle shall be securely tied in the center with cotton tape or twine.

5.1.2 Commercial. Pockets shall be preserved in accordance with ASTM D 3951.

5.2 Packing. Packing shall be level A, B or Commercial as specified (see 6.2).

5.2.1 Level A packing. One-hundred fifty pockets, preserved as specified in 5.1, shall be packed in a snug-fitting shipping container conforming to style RSC-L, grade V2s of PPP-B-636. The inside of each container shall be fitted with a box liner conforming to type CF, class weather-resistant, variety DW, grade V15c of PPP-B-636. The approximate inside dimensions of the fiberboard shipping container shall be 19-1/2 inches in length, 15 inches in width, and 7-1/2 inches in depth. Approximate dimensions are furnished as a guide only. Arrangement of the pockets within the container shall be 3 in length, 5 in width, and 10 in depth. Each container shall have the contents completely covered on the top and bottom with a sheet of 30-pound minimum basis weight kraft paper conforming to type I, grade B of UU-P-268. Each shipping container shall be closed in accordance with method III, waterproofed in accordance with method V, and reinforced as specified in the appendix of PPP-B-636 except that the inspection shall be in accordance with 4.4.6.

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5.2.2 Level B packing. One-hundred fifty pockets, preserved as specified in 5.1, shall be packed in a snug-fitting shipping container conforming to style RSC-L, type CF (variety SW) or SF, class domestic, grade 275 of PPP-B-636. The inside of each container shall be fitted with a box liner conforming to type CF, class domestic, variety DW, grade 275 of PPP-B-636. The approximate inside dimensions of the fiberboard shipping container shall be 19-1/2 inches in length, 15 inches in width, and 7-1/2 inches in depth. Approximate dimensions are furnished as a guide only. Arrangement of the pockets within the container shall be 3 in length, 5 in width, and 10 in depth. Each container shall have the contents completely covered on the top and bottom with a sheet of 30-pound minimum basis weight kraft paper conforming to type I, Grade B of UU-P-268. Each shipping container shall be closed in accordance with method II as specified in the appendix of PPP-B-636 except the inspection shall be in accordance with 4.4.6.

5.2.2.1 Weather-resistant fiberboard containers. When specified (see 6.2), the shipping container shall be a grade V3c, V3s or V\$S fiberboard box fabricated in accordance with PPP-B-636 and closed in accordance with method III as specified in the appendix of PPP-B-636, except that the inspection shall be in accordance with 4.4.6.

5.2.3 Commercial. Pockets, preserved as specified in 5.1, shall be packed in accordance with ASTM D 3951.

5.3 Palletization. When specified (see 6.2), pockets, packed as specified in 5.2, shall be palletized in accordance with MIL-STD-147. Pallet pattern No. 95 shall be used in accordance with the appendix of MIL-STD-147. Each prepared load shall be bonded with means K and L or film bonding means O or P.

5.4 Marking. In addition to any special marking required by the contract or purchase order, shipping containers and palletized unit loads shall be marked in accordance with MIL-STD-129 or ASTM D 3951, as applicable.

## 6. NOTES

6.1 Intended use. The pocket is designed to accommodate one 15-round ammunition magazine for the 9-mm pistol. The pocket is provided with two keepers for attaching to the belt, individual equipment.

6.2 Ordering data. Acquisition documents should specify the following:

- a. Title, number, and date of this document.
- b. When a first article is required (see 3.2, 4.3 and 6.3).
- c. Selection of applicable levels of preservation and packing (see 5.1 and 5.2).
- d. When weather-resistant grade fiberboard shipping containers are required for level B packing (see 5.2.2.1).
- e. When palletization is required (see 5.3).

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6.3 First article. When a first article is required, it shall be inspected and approved under the appropriate provisions of FAR 52.209. The first article should be a preproduction sample consisting of one completed pocket. The contracting officer should include specific instructions in all acquisition documents regarding arrangements for inspection and approval of the first article.

6.4 Nylon cloth cut edges. The cut edges of the nylon cloth are subject to fraying during the process of handling the cut parts during fabrication of the pocket case. It has been found that fusing of the cut edges of the cloth will prevent fraying.

6.5 Recycled material. It is encouraged that recycled material be used when practical as long as it meets the requirements of the document (see 3.3).

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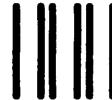
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