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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fuel-Fired Space Heater Safety (CG/CofS Policy #0-38)

1. References:

- a. Technical Manual (TM) 9-4520-257-12&P, Operator's and Unit Maintenance Manual for Heater, Space, Radiant, Large (H-45) 30 Sep 03.
- b. Technical Manual (TM) 10-4520-261-12&P, Operator's and Organizational Maintenance Manual, Space Heater Arctic (SHA) 1 Dec 01.
- c. Technical Manual (TM) 10-4520-262-12&P, Operator's and Unit Maintenance Manual for Space Heater Convective (SHC) 29 Jan 02.
- d. Technical Manual (TM) 10-4520-263-12&P, Operator's and Unit Maintenance Manual for Space Heater Small (SHS) 15 Nov 01.
- e. Army Regulation (AR) 600-55, The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program (Selection, Training, Testing and Licensing) 31 Dec 93.

2. Commanders and leaders at every level will enforce the following policy on fuel-fired space heaters:

- a. Every Soldier that goes to the field will be trained and licensed to operate and maintain the specific space heater used within that organization. This training will be recorded on the Soldier's DA Form 348, Equipment Operator's Qualification Record or the computer-generated DA Form 348 and OF 346, U.S. Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card per AR 600-55.
- b. Unit Tactical Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) will be reviewed and updated immediately addressing policy and procedures on use of space heaters. Written risk assessments will be prepared prior to the operation of all space heaters.
- c. Only authorized space heaters and fuel will be used and fuels will not be mixed. The authorized Family of Space Heaters (Enclosure 1) and fuels used in order listed within U.S. Army Alaska are as follows:

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(1) Space Heater, Model H-45, Primary liquid fuels; Diesel Fuel (DF-A, DF-1, DF-2) Jet Propulsion Fuel (JP-8 JP-5), Kerosene, Jet A-1, Jet A ; Alternate fuels; (gasoline and JP-4 in emergencies only) wood or coal.

(2) Space Heater Arctic, (SHA) Primary liquid fuels; Diesel Fuel (DF-A, DF-1, DF-2), Jet Propulsion Fuel (JP-8, JP-5) Kerosene, Jet A; Alternate fuels; wood or coal.

(3) Space Heater Convective (SHC) Primary liquid fuels; Diesel Fuel (DF-A, DF-1, DF-2), Jet Propulsion Fuel (JP-8); Alternate fuels; Kerosene, JP-5.

(4) Space Heater Small (SHS) Primary liquid fuels; Diesel Fuel (DF-A, DF-1, DF-2), Jet Propulsion Fuel (JP-8); Alternate fuels; Kerosene, JP-5.

d. Space heaters will be set up and operated in accordance with the applicable TM, operator's manual or instructions. The manual or instructions will be on site at all times.

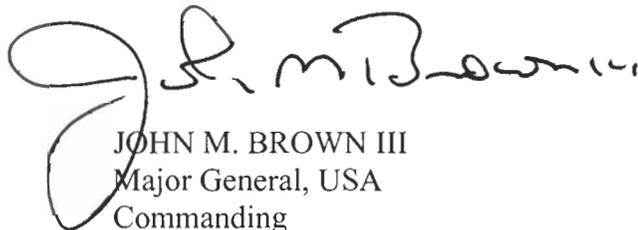
e. When a space heater is in operation, a fully dressed, licensed and alert fireguard must be monitoring the heater at all times. If the space heater is not in operation, no fireguard is required.

f. Unvented space heaters, i.e., bullet heaters, will not be used in tents used for sleeping, living, or administrative work areas occupied by personnel, (i.e., Tactical Operations Center).

g. An operational fire extinguisher (minimum 5 lbs) will be present in each tent where space heaters will be operated. All personnel will be familiar with the type of fire extinguisher and trained on the operation of that extinguisher.

h. Leaders will inspect each space heater prior to operation, ensuring proper assembly, a licensed operator is present, and proper fuel is available and being used.

3. Leaders must set the standard, ensure that their subordinates know the standard, and conduct follow-up actions to ensure those standards are being followed.



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Family of Space Heaters: H-45 Space Heater

Overview:

The H-45 Space Heater is a 45K BTU heater that is designed to provide heat for the General Purpose tents (Small, Medium and Large), TEMPER tents and TOCs. The H-45 heater replaces the antiquated M-41 heater that has severe operational deficiencies and poses a serious safety hazard in the field. The H-45 heater operates without the use of electrical power and can burn all types of liquid fuel (DF-2, DF-1, DF-A, JP-5, JP-8, JP-4, and gasoline) and solid fuel (wood and coal). It utilizes the new vaporizing R-tube burner technology that overcomes the major combustion and safety problems that have existed over the past 50 years in the nonpowered heater industry. These problems include poor smokey combustion of diesel fuel and the hazardous exposure of a pool of raw fuel during operation. The new vaporizing R-tube burner technology eliminates these deficiencies while still maintaining simplicity, ruggedness, and low cost.

The NSN for the H-45 heater is 4520-01-329-3451. The cost is around \$500 including all accessories.

Description:

The H-45 heater measures 18" diameter × 24" high and weighs 65 lbs, including all accessories (stack, flue cap, gravity feed adapter, hoses, fuel can stand, etc). The H-45 Heater is operational in temperatures ranging from -60° F to 60° F, and can be stored in temperatures ranging from -60° F to 160° F.

The H-45 heater is designated as a CTA item. Field units can purchase the H-45 by sending funded requisitions to Defense Industrial Supply Center (DISC). For more information, contact DISC Item Manager, Dan Dilossi, DSN: 444-5190, COMM: (215) 737-5190, Email: ddilossi@dscp.dla.mil.

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Enclosure 1

Family of Space Heaters: Space Heater Arctic (SHA)

Overview:

The Space Heater Arctic (SHA) is a lightweight, portable, multi-fueled, non-powered heater intended to heat five and ten man arctic tents. It provides a maximum heat output of 28K BTU with a high/low adjustment capability. The SHA replaces the current Yukon heater which has severe operational deficiencies and poses a serious safety hazard in the field. The SHA operates without the use of electrical power and can burn all types of liquid fuel (DF-2, DF-1, DF-A, JP-5, JP-8) and solid fuel (wood and coal). The SHA utilizes the new vaporizing S-tube burner technology that overcomes the major combustion and safety problems that have existed over the past 50 years in the nonpowered heater industry. These problems include poor smoky combustion of diesel fuel and the hazardous exposure of a pool of raw fuel during operation. The new vaporizing S-tube burner technology eliminates these deficiencies while still maintaining simplicity, ruggedness, and low cost.

The NSN for the SHA is 4520-01-444-2375. (LIN: H39664). The cost is \$783 including all accessories.

Description:

The SHA measures 17" H × 9" W × 17" L and weighs 41 lbs, including all accessories. These accessories are comprised of the stack, flue cap, gravity feed adapter, fuel can stand and hoses. All accessory components, including the pre-assembled, telescoping stove pipe, can be stored within the heater making it highly mobile and easy to assemble. The SHA is operational in temperatures ranging from -60° F to 60° F, and can be stored in temperatures ranging from -60° F to 160° F.

The SHA heater is designated as a CTA item. Field units can purchase the SHA by sending funded requisitions to Defense Industrial Supply Center (DISC). For more information, contact DISC Item Manager, Dan Dilossi, DSN: 444-444-5190, COMM: (215) 737-5190, Email: ddilossi@dsep.dla.mil.

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Family of Space Heaters: Space Heater Convective (SHC)

Overview:

The Space Heater Convective (SHC) is a 35K BTU thermoelectric heater that provides forced hot air circulation in military tentage without the need for an external power supply. This eliminates the need for a field generator. The SHC's intended applications include the Modular Command Post System, TOCs, and other tents housing expensive electronics equipment. The SHC is the first of its kind to successfully integrate thermoelectrics and combustion into a fieldable heater prototype that delivers clean, breathable heat to military tentage and shelters.

The thermoelectric heater generates its own electrical power (approximately 200 watts) through the use of thermoelectric modules located in the combustion chamber. These modules convert waste heat into electrical energy, which is used to power the blowers, pumps, ignition system, safety system, and control devices required in the operation of the heater. The heater provides a 60% increase in combustion efficiency over currently fielded nonpowered heaters and provides much cleaner combustion of diesel fuel, translating to significantly reduced fuel costs and maintenance requirements.

The NSN for the SHC is 4520-01-431-8927 (LIN: H39732). The cost is \$7310 including all accessories.

Description:

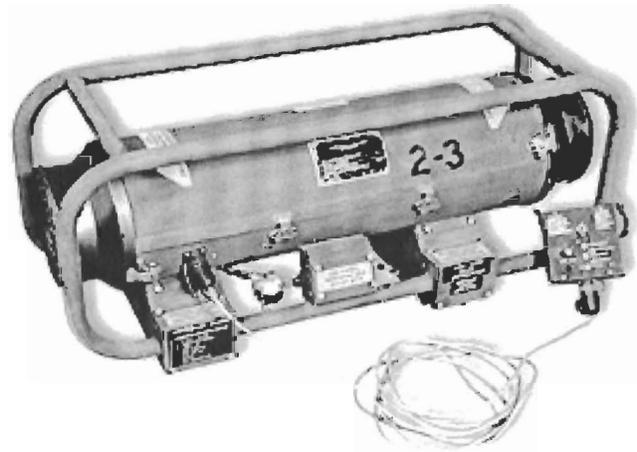
The SHC is 18"H × 14"W × 40"L and weighs 74 pounds. It is operational from -40° F to 60° F, and can be stored from -60° F to 160° F. The heater can be operated either inside or outside the tent and has the capability to burn multiple liquid fuels (DF-2, DF-1, DF-A, JP-5, & JP-8). The heater starts simply using a single switch, and operation is completely automatic due to built in diagnostics, safety and temperature controls. Accessories include remote temperature control box, cable, insulated air ducts, fuel hoses, gravity feed adapter, fuel can stand and spare parts.

The SHC heater is designated as a CTA item. In FY02, field units will be able to purchase the SHC by sending funded requisitions to Defense Industrial Supply Center (DISC). For more information, contact DISC Item Manager, Dan Dilossi, DSN: 444-5190, COMM: (215) 737-5190, Email: ddilossi@dsep.dla.mil.

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Family of Space Heaters: Space Heater Small (SHS)

Overview:

The Space Heater Small (SHS) is a 12K BTU heater that is designed to provide heat for the Soldier Crew Tent (5-man tent) and other small tentage with floor area between 80 and 100 square feet. The SHS will satisfy a heating requirement for small military tentage in which there is currently no existing heater that can meet this requirement. The SHS operates without the use of electrical power and can burn all types of liquid fuel (DF-2, DF-1, DF-A, JP-5, JP-8). The SHS utilizes the new vaporizing S-tube burner technology which overcomes the major combustion and safety problems that have existed over the past 50 years in the nonpowered heater industry. These problems include poor smoky combustion of diesel fuel and the hazardous exposure of a pool of raw fuel during operation. The new vaporizing S-tube burner technology eliminates these deficiencies while still maintaining simplicity, ruggedness, and low cost.

The NSN for this item is 4520-01-478-9207. The unit cost is around \$600 including all accessories.

Description:

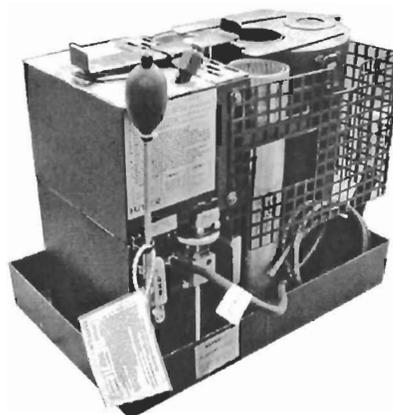
The SHS measures 13.7" H × 8.5" W × 16" L and weighs 32 lbs, including all accessories. The integral fuel tank design eliminates the need for hoses, gravity feed adapter, fuel can and fuel can stand. The SHS is operational in temperatures ranging from -60° F to 60° F, and can be stored in temperatures ranging from -60° F to 160° F.

The SHS heater is designated as a CTA item. In 3QFY02, field units will be able to purchase the SHS by sending funded requisitions to Defense Industrial Supply Center (DISC). For more information, contact DISC Item Manager, Dan Dilossi, DSN: 444-5190, COMM: (215) 737-5190, Email: ddilossi@dsep.dla.mil.

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Family of Space Heaters: Thermoelectric Fan (TEF)

Overview:

Standard military tent heaters operate inside a tent without the use of external electrical power and transfer heat by means of radiation and natural convection. The heat rises to the top leaving the floor and extremities of the tent cold. This translates into poor habitability conditions and excessive fuel consumption. The Thermoelectric Fan (TEF) operates with standard military tent heaters (SHA and H45) to circulate heated air, improve habitability conditions and significantly reduce fuel usage while generating its own electrical power.

The NSN for this item is 4520-01-457-2790. (LIN: F51430). The price is around \$520.

Description:

The TEF is a silent, compact, rugged fan unit (14" in diameter and 10" high) that is placed on top of the standard military tent heaters (H45 and SHA). A built-in thermoelectric module converts heat from the top surface of the heater into electricity to power a 450 CFM fan. The fan moves heated air to the bottom and corners of the tent, providing more even heat distribution throughout the entire shelter. Improved heat distribution delivers more comfortable living/working conditions, improved health and morale, and significant fuel savings for soldiers in the field.

Testing indicates that the TEF can provide an increase of over 20°F at the floor level of the tent. This allows the soldier to operate their heaters at much lower firing rates, saving a significant amount of fuel and increasing comfort levels in the tent. Tests show that up to 50% fuel savings can be achieved. For extreme cold weather conditions this translates into a cost savings of about \$450 per season in a 10-Man Arctic Tent and \$2,800 per season in a General Purpose Medium (GPM) tent equipped with two heaters and two TEFs.

The TEF is designated as a CTA item. Field units can purchase the TEF by sending funded requisitions to Defense Industrial Supply Center (DISC). For more information, contact DISC Item Manager, Dan Dilossi, DSN: 444-5190, COMM: (215) 737-5190, Email: ddilossi@dscp.dla.mil.

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