

ENGINEERING, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Biomedical Equipment Maintenance

Parts Availability for the Ohmeda Model 885A Field Anesthesia Machine

It has come to our attention that parts are still available for the Model 885A Field Anesthesia Unit. This contradicts earlier information received from the manufacturer and disseminated by AFMLO/FOM-E. In conversation with the Ohmeda, turn-around time for certain parts may exceed 60 days. This lengthy response time is due to the fact that this unit is a "government only" device, and not available in the United States. Parts may also be available from the Tobyhanna Army Depot at DSN 795-7744.

Currently, work is being done to identify and requisition a new Field Anesthesia Unit for use in all assemblages. AFMLO recommends only purchasing the items needed to keep your units operational, and not purchasing the Spare Parts Kit for this unit. AFMLO/FOM-E would like to thank SSgt Steven Canuel at Sheppard AFB, TX for bringing this to light. The AFMLO/FOM-E point of contact is TSgt Stephen Walker at DSN 343-4039, or e-mail:

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Instruction for Using the Picker VP4 Maintenance Programmer with Windows™ 95

Attachment 1, page **1** is a letter from Picker with the instructions for using the SynerGen Calibration Software on a maintenance programmer (laptop) loaded with Windows 95. This will allow Clinical Engineering departments to use additional software (i.e., MS Word/Excel) on these computers. The AFMLO/FOM-E point of contact is TSgt Stephen Walker. (AFMLO/FOM-E, TSgt Stephen Walker, DSN 343-4039)

Picker VP4 Spare Parts Kit

The Picker VP4 X-ray system included in the Air Transportable Hospital (ATH) requires an extensive repair parts kit. **Attachment 1**, pages **2** and **3** are a listing of the parts recommended for this kit. The list includes the FGM number, which is critical when trying to purchase these parts from Picker. Additionally, Picker has given us a 20 percent discount on these parts based on the need for each of our ATHs to have this kit. If you have already ordered or received this kit, please let TSgt Walker know and it may be possible to get a refund or credit. Any questions related to spare part kits should be addressed to AFMLO/FOM-E, TSgt Walker at DSN 343-4039 or via e-mail to:

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Quality Assurance

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Recalls/Alert Notices

Attachment 2, paragraph 1, provides information on FDA medical equipment recalls and alerts. Personnel from clinical engineering, biomedical equipment maintenance, quality assurance, and safety should follow the guidance provided to ensure the effective maintenance and management of medical equipment. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

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Shared Procurement Equipment Items Currently Available

AFMLL 04-97, Attachment 1, pages 1 and 2, contains a list of all current Shared Procurement contracts and optional contracts available through the Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC). If you plan to order any of these items for your facility, use the specific ordering instructions and overall program guidance contained in AFMLL 04-96, pages CE-4 and CE-5. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

“Piggyback” Contracts Currently Available

AFMLL 16-96, Attachment 1, pages 4 and 5, contains a list of all current “piggyback” contracts currently available through DPSC. These contracts will allow facilities to “piggyback” requirements onto existing orders placed for specific quantities. Many of these contracts are designed to buy large quantities at reduced prices, and are written with the option of buying additional quantities at the same price. The list includes available quantities and “Order By” dates. To order, send your MILSTRIP requisitions to DPSC, and reference the contract number (from the listing) in the notes section. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt David Zemkosky, DSN 343-4028)

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