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MILITARY SPECIFICATION

LITTERS, RIGID, STOKES

This specification is approved for use by all Departments and Agencies of the Department of Defense.

1. SCOPE

- 1.1 <u>Scope</u>. This specification covers three types of corrosion-resisting steel Stokes rigid litters suitable for high line sea transfer and dynamic air lift of a patient from a ship's deck.
- 1.2 <u>Classification</u>. Litters covered by this specification shall be of the following types (see 6.2):
 - Type I Rigid Stokes litter having leg separator and wire basket.
 - Type II Rigid Stokes litter without leg separator but having wire basket.
 - Type III Rigid Stokes litter, modified, folding, having leg separator and wire basket.

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2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

2.1 Government documents.

2.1.1 Specifications, standards, and handbooks. The following specifications, standards, and handbooks form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, the issues of these documents shall be those listed in the issue of the Department of Defense Index of Specifications and Standards (DODISS) and supplement thereto, cited in the solicitation (see 6.2).

SPECIFICATIONS

FEDERAL

TT-E-529 - Enamel, Alkyd, Semigloss, Low VOC Content

PPP-B-566 - Box, Folding, Paperboard

PPP-B-601 - Boxes, Wood, Cleated Plywood

PPP-B-621 - Box, Wood, Nailed and Lock-Corner

PPP-B-636 - Box, Shipping, Fiberboard

PPP-B-676 - Boxes, Setup

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MIL-L-10547 - Liner, Case and Sheet, Overwrap, Water
Vaporproof or Waterproof, Flexible
MIL-W-44049 - Webbing, Textile and Tape, Textile,
Polypropylene, General Purpose, Natural
or In Colors

STANDARDS

FEDERAL

Fed. Std. No. 151 - Metal, Test Methods

Fed. Std. No. 595 - Colors

Fed. Std. No. 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
MIL-STD-171 - Finishing of Metal and Wood Surfaces
MIL-STD-794 - Parts and Equipment, Procedures for
Packaging and Packing of

(Unless otherwise indicated copies of federal and military specifications, standards, and handbooks are available from the

Standardization Documents Order Desk Building 4D 700 Robbins Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094)

2.1.2 Other Government documents, drawings, and publications. The following other Government documents, drawings, and publications form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, the issues are those cited in the solicitation.

Drawings:

Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC)

20517 Buckle
20748 Litter, Rigid, Stokes
24082 Basket, Stokes, Rigid, Litter
24415 Litter, Rigid, Stokes, Modified, Folding
24606 Basket, Stokes, Rigid, Litter, w/o Leg Separator
24607 Litter, Rigid, Stokes, w/o Leg Separator

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

2.2 Non-Government publications. The following documents form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise specified, the issues of the documents which are DOD adopted are those listed in the issue of the DODISS cited in the solicitation. Unless otherwise specified, the issues of documents not listed in the DODISS are the issues of the documents cited in the solicitation (see 6.2).

ASTM

- A153 Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware
- A269 Seamless and Welded Austenitic Stainless Steel Tubing for General Service
- B633 Electrodeposited Coatings of Zinc on Iron and Steel

(Application for copies should be addressed to ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103).

AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY

Welders Handbook

(Application for copies should be addressed to the American Welding Society, Inc., 550 LeJune Road, N.W., P. O. Box 351040, Miami, FL 33135.)

(Non-Government standards and other publications are normally available from the organizations that prepare or distribute the documents. These documents also may be available in or through libraries or other informational services.)

2.3 Order of precedence. In the event of a conflict between the text of this document and the references cited herein (except for related associated detail specifications, specification sheets, MS standards), the text of this document takes precedence. Nothing in this document, however, supersedes applicable laws and regulations unless a specific exemption has been obtained.

3. REQUIREMENTS

3.1 First article. When specified in the procurement document the contractor shall furnish pre-production sample unit(s) for first article inspection and approval (see 4.1.3.1.1 and 6.3). Any changes or modifications of litters from the approved first article during productions will be subject to the approval of the contracting officer. Approval of the first article shall not relieve the contractor of his obligations to furnish litters conforming to this specification.

- 3.2 <u>Materials</u>. Except as specified herein, materials shall conform to the applicable portions of the specifications, standards, and drawings specified herein. Metals shall conform to the chemical requirements of their applicable specifications when tested as specified in 4.4.1. When materials to be used are not specifically designated, those used shall be of the highest commercial quality, and entirely suitable for the purpose intended.
- 3.2.1 <u>Slats</u>. The supporting body slats shall be as specified in DPSC drawings 20748, 24415, and 24607, and shall be smooth, free of cracks, voids, sharp edges, splits, foreign objects, and knots or knot holes.
- 3.2.2 <u>Buckle</u>. The buckle shall be fabricated of low-carbon steel.
- 3.2.3 <u>Tubing.</u> Tubing shall be welded, or seamless austenitic stainless steel tubing, type 304, stress relieved as specified in ASTM A269.
- 3.2.3.1 <u>Tubing tolerances</u>. Commercial tolerances on the tubing drameter and wall thickness shall be allowed.
- 3.3 <u>Construction</u>. Construction shall be in accordance with the requirements of this specification and as shown in DPSC drawings 20748, 24082, 24606, 24607, and 24415. Note: Type III litters are essentially Type I litters modified to have a collapsible frame. Type III litters shall be fabricated as shown in DPSC drawing 24415.
- 3.3.1 <u>Frame.</u> All joints and intersections of frame, ribs, and basket rim shall be welded as indicated in DPSC drawings 20748, 24607, and 24415. After welding, any projections, loose weld spatter or other defects which could possibly result in injury to patient or handler shall be removed before testing. Welding shall be as specified in 3.7. The litter frame shall be cleaned by suitable chemical or mechanical processes.
- 3.3.2 Net lining. The net lining as specified in the applicable drawing shall be cut and shaped to conform to the inside contour of the litter. The dimensions on DPSC drawings 24082 and 24606 are for reference purposes only. Basket fabrication shall be in accordance with 3.3.2.1. Type III litters shall be cut and shaped to fit the inside contour of the litter utilizing DPSC drawing 24082 before the modification as detailed on DPSC drawing 24415. The steel basket wire shall be zinc coated (galvanized) in accordance with ASTM A153.

- 3.3.2.1 Basket fabrication. The fabricator shall use the selvage of the net lining to the maximum extent possible. The reinforcing steel wire shall be woven into the basket frame as shown in DPSC drawings 24082, 24606, and as modified in 24415. The cut ends of the net lining shall be wound on the selvage wire and soldered to prevent edges and projections which are possibly injurious to the patient or handler. As an alternate, the cut ends of the wire mesh may be twisted together and soldered to close the openings (holes) in the mesh. The reinforcing steel wire shall then be weaved through at least every other opening (hole), penetrating the wire mesh approximately every two inches where the mesh is stretched out. There shall be no folds in the net lining.
- 3.3.3 Straps. Five straps shall be made from MIL-W-44049, type IIB, class 4, polypropylene webbing, color clive drab No. 7, complete with buckle and slide loop. On each strap, the buckle shall be secured as shown on DPSC drawings 20748, 24415 or 24607 as applicable. All cut ends of straps shall be heat sealed. The fifth strap shall be a spare and shall be attached to the railing of the litter.
- 3.3.3.1 <u>Stitching.</u> The stitching shall be stitch type 301, conforming to Fed. Std. No. 751. There shall be a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve stitches per inch. Thread breaks shall be overstitched not less than 1/2 inch beyond the ends of each break. The ends of seams and stitching, when not caught in other seams or stitching, shall be backstitched not less than 1/2 inch. Thread tension shall be maintained so that there shall be no loose stitching and so that the lock shall be embedded in the sewn material.
- 3.3.4 Supporting rack. The rack, or bottom for the trunk section, and cross endpieces shall be made from materials as specified in 3.2.1. The wood rack of type I and type III litters shall be bolted together using galvanized steel carriage bolts and hex nuts with both a flat washer and an external-type multitoothed lockwasher under each nut. The slats shall rest on the cross ribs with the endpieces supported on the runners in such a manner that the rack bottom shall not slip when the litter is suspended vertically. The rack shall also be secured to the frame as shown in DPSC drawings 20748, 24415, and 24607. The aluminum rack of the type II litter shall be fastened together using galvanized steel flat head Phillips machine screws, and hex nuts with both a flat washer and external type multi-toothed lockwasher under each nut.

- 3.3.5 <u>Buckle</u>. The buckle shall conform to DPSC drawing 20517 for general style and design. The dimensions are for reference only. The buckle shall pass the load test specified in 4.4.2.2. The buckle shall not distort, shall hold and grasp the webbing evenly without slipping, and shall not cut the webbing under load.
- 3.4 Rigidity. The steel frame shall not take a permanent bend or sag nor show other evidence of undue distortion or strain, when tested as specified in 4.4.2.1. Transverse frames, stations 4 and 5, shall not spread to a dimension greater than the permitted maximum dimension, tolerance included.
- 3.5 <u>Finish</u>. The finish of the components, as specified, shall be smooth, evenly applied and adherent. There shall be no voids, discontinuities in finish and damaged finish areas.
- 3.5.1 <u>Wood.</u> The wooden rack for the types I and III litters shall be sanded smooth and finished in accordance with finish 29.6 of MIL-STD-171.
- 3.5.2 <u>Aluminum.</u> Prior to assembly of the aluminum rack of the type II litter, the complete individual components shall be cleaned by finish 4.9, surface treated by finish 7.4, epoxy prime and polyurethane top coated by finish 20.24 of MIL-STD-171. The color for the supporting rack shall be semigloss gray color 26099 of Fed. Std. 595.
- 3.5.3 Steel. Finish for buckles and loops shall be as indicated in 3.5.3.1 and DPSC drawings 20748, 24607, and 24415. Finish for bolts, screws, nuts, and lock washers shall be in accordance with 3.3.4 and 3.5. Net lining shall be hot dip galvanized in accordance with ASTM A153, with phosphate treatment, finish 6.1.1.1, or chromate treatment, finish 6.1.1.2 of MIL-STD-171.
- 3.5.3.1 <u>Steel buckles</u>. The steel buckles shall be given a phosphate treated zinc plate finish with a coating thickness of Fe/Zn25 conforming to type IV of ASTM B633, followed by bake enameling. The enamel shall conform to TT-E-529. The color shall be black, number 27038, of Fed. Std. No. 595.
- 3.6 <u>Identification marking</u>. Each litter shall have a metal nameplate securely attached to a slat on the bottom of the litter where it can be easily read. Each nameplate shall have the name or registered trademark of the manufacturer, the national stock number, and the contract number legibly and permanently stamped or marked thereon.

- 3.7 <u>Welding.</u> Welding shall be performed using the inert shield arc method. Welding shall be durable, sound, and in accordance with the applicable recommendations of the Welders' Handbook, American Welding Society. Surfaces to be welded shall be free from foreign matter. Any cleaning method which will remove all foreign substances is satisfactory. All finished welds shall be cleaned by sand-blasting, stainless steel wire brush, or both. All welds shall be visually inspected, and acceptable welds shall have no cracks or voids, and thorough fusion shall exist between adjacent layers of weld metal and base metal. Removal of weld spatter by grinding is prohibited, since it could weaken the frame.
- 3.8 <u>Workmanship</u>. Litters shall be free from rough surfaces and sharp edges, and shall be properly smoothed or rounded. Litters shall be free from defects which detract from their appearance or may impair their serviceability. Tools, brushes, etc. used in fabrication and cleaning of litters shall be completely free of metallic dust or particles other than corrosion-resisting steel.

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 (examinations and tests) 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 this specification where such inspections are deemed necessary to ensure supplies and services conform to prescribed requirements.
- 4.1.1 Responsibility for compliance. All items shall meet all requirements of sections 3 and 5. The inspection set forth in this specification shall become a part of the contractor's overall inspection system or quality program. The absence of any inspection requirements in the specification shall not relieve the contractor of the responsibility of ensuring that all products or supplies submitted to the Government for acceptance comply with all requirements of the contract. Sampling inspection, as part of manufacturing operations, is an acceptable practice to ascertain conformance to requirements. However, this does not authorize submission of known defective material, either indicated or actual, nor does it commit the Government to accept defective material.

- 4.1.2 Records. Records of examinations and tests performed by or for the contractor shall be maintained by the contractor and made available to the Government, upon the Government's request, at any time, or from time to time, during the performance of the contract and for a period of three years after delivery of the supplies to which such records relate.
- 4.1.3 <u>Inspection</u>. Inspection, as used in this specification, is defined as both examination (such as visual investigation without the use of special laboratory appliances or procedures) and testing (determination by technical means of physical and chemical properties) of the item.
- 4.1.3.1 <u>Classification of inspection</u>. The inspection requirements specified herein are classified as follows:
 - a. First article inspection.
 - b. Quality conformance inspection.
- 4.1.3.1.1 <u>First article inspection</u>. First article inspection shall be performed on the litters when a first article sample is required (see 3.1). This inspection shall include examination of 4.3 and tests of 4.4.
- 4.1.3.1.2 Quality conformance inspection. Quality conformance inspection shall include the examination of 4.3 and tests of 4.4.
- 4.1.4 Certificates of quality. Certificates of quality, supplied by the manufacturers of the webbing, thread, buckles, slide loops, and tubing may be furnished in lieu of actual performance of such testing by the contractor, provided lot identity has been maintained and can be demonstrated to the Government. The certificate shall include the name of the contractor, the contract number, the name of the manufacturer or supplier, the NSN, the item identification, the name of the component or material, the lot number, the lot size, the sample size, the date of testing, the test method, individual test results, and the specification requirements.

4.2 Sampling.

4.2.1 For examination. Sampling for examination shall be conducted in accordance with MIL-STD-105, and table I. The unit of product for sampling purposes shall be one litter. Each welded frame shall be examined for soundness of welds.

TABLE I. Sampling for examination.

	Inspection level	AQL (defect per hundred units)
For visual examination Major defects Total defects (Major & Minor	II	1.0
combined) For dimensional examination	II S-1	2.5 2.5

4.2.2 For tests. Sampling for tests shall be conducted in accordance with MIL-STD-105 and table II. Acceptance number shall be zero for all sample sizes. The unit of product for sampling purposes shall be one litter and one securing strap.

TABLE II. Sampling for tests.

Component (Unit of product)	Characteristic	Require- ment	Test procedure	Inspection level
Litter	Component material testing	3.2	4.4.1	S-1
	Load test	3.4	4.4.2.1	First Arti- cle only
Buckle	Load test	3.3.5	4.4.2.2	II

4.2.3 Raw materials. A sufficient quantity of each lot of each metal used in the manufacture of the litters to perform tests shall be as required by the applicable subsidiary specifications and by tests specified herein. When sample size for component materials covered by the subsidiary specifications is not specified, the sample size for each test shall be as indicated in 4.2.2. The unit of product for testing shall be the quantity of material necessary to perform all required tests one time each, taking into consideration the fact, that where possible the same material shall be used for the determination of two or more test characteristics. Lot sizes are expressed in multiples of the following:

Webbing	Cones Feet	or	fractions spools	of	a	yard
Loops						

- 4.3 <u>Examination</u>. The litters shall be examined to determine compliance with all requirements contained in this specification.
- 4.3.1 Classification of defects. Examination shall be conducted in accordance with the classification of defects listed in tables III and IV. Unit of product for examination shall be one litter and one strap. Examination shall not be restricted to the classified possible defects listed below.

TABLE III. Classification of defects, litter.

Categori	es Defects
Major	
101	Litter not complete with all component parts
102	Components not properly assembled
103	Welds not free of defects
104	Net lining not soldered as specified
105	Exposed edges not free of burrs or wire ends
106	Color of litter components not as specified
107	Fasteners not as specified
108	Excess play or looseness of quick release pins in tubing holes
Minor	
201	Racks not smoothly finished
202	Plastic straps not cut off within 1/16 inch of head
203	Identification marking not in location specified
204	Finish not smooth, evenly applied or adherent.
205	Identification marking not present, complete or legible
206	Any strap not secured to litter as specified

TABLE IV. Classification of defects, patient securing straps.

Categories	Defects
Major	
101	Strap not complete with all component parts (buckle, slide loop)
102	End of strap does not readily pass through buckle
103	Strap not free of cuts and tears
104	Buckle not attached in accordance with drawing
105	Strap not of specified material
Minor	
201	Stitch type not as specified
202	Stitches per inch not as specified
203	Length of buckle loop not as shown on drawing

- 4.3.2 <u>Dimensional examination</u>. The litters shall be examined for defects in dimensions. Any dimension not within the tolerance specified herein shall be classified as a defect.
- 4.3.3 Examination for preparation of delivery. An examination shall be made to determine whether the packaging, packing, and marking comply with the requirements of section 5. Defects shall be scored as specified in table V. Sampling shall be in accordance with MIL-STD-105. The sample unit shall be one container fully prepared for delivery. The lot shall be the number of containers offered for inspection at one time. The inspection level shall be S-2 and the acceptable quality level shall be 4.0 defects per hundred units.

TABLE V. Examination for preparation for delivery.

Examination	Defects
Containers	Not as specified
Quantity	Quantity in shipping containers not as specified
Packaging &	Any component missing or damaged
Packing Material	
Workmanship	Inadequate application of components, such as incomplete closure of container flaps, tape improperly applied, or containers distorted
Markings	Omitted, incorrect, illegible, improper size, location, sequence, or method of application

- 4.4 <u>Tests</u>. Tests shall be conducted to determine compliance with specification requirements.
- 4.4.1 Chemical composition. Four ounces from each lot of material shall be tested in accordance with Fed. Test Method Std. No. 151.

4.4.2 Load tests.

4.4.2.1 Frame. Load test shall be run on the litter frame in the following manner: A test platform as shown in figure 1 shall be made and placed in the type II litter. A suitable loading platform shall be constructed for type I and type III litters. A layer of duck shall be placed on this platform. The litter shall be loaded with a dead weight load of 2500 pounds evenly distributed over 6 feet. Sides of the load shall be vertical so that the load shall not be higher than 18 inches from the top of the platform. Suggested load is carbon steel rectangles or square 12 inches long weighing 25-30 pounds each. Load shall be stacked crosswise in the wide end and lengthwise in the tapered end. The frame shall be suspended for 15 minutes from vertical supports at stations 1 and 8 as shown in the applicable drawing. Wire cable or chain shall be used. The frame shall meet rigidity requirements of 3.4.

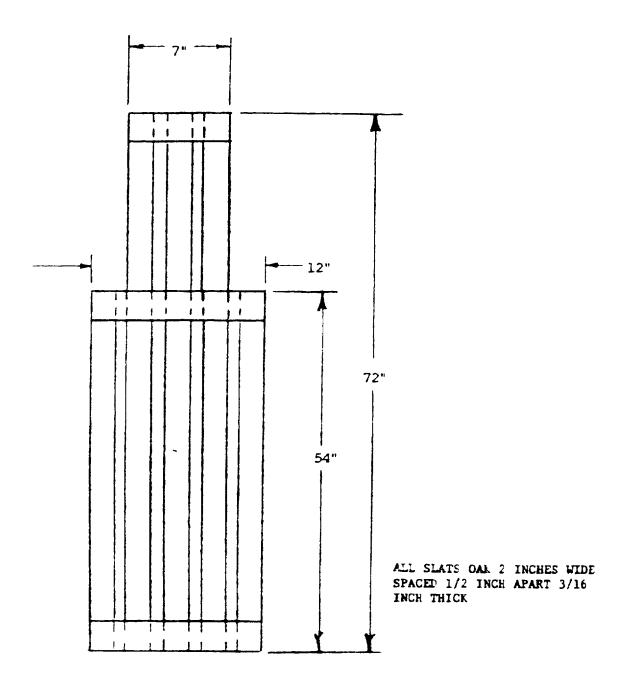


FIGURE 1. Loading platform.

- 4.4.2.2 <u>Buckle</u>. The strap shall be threaded through the buckle to form a closed loop. A weight of not less than 200 pounds shall be applied to the closed loop in such a way that both sides of the loop are under tension to test the gripping power of the buckle. The buckle shall be in accordance with the applicable requirements of 3.3.5.
- 4.5 <u>Inspection of packaging</u>. The sampling and inspection of the packing and marking for shipment and storage shall be in accordance with the quality assurance provisions of the applicable container specification and the marking requirements of MIL-STD-129.

5. PACKAGING

5.1 <u>Preservation</u>. Preservation shall be level A or C, as specified (see 6.2).

5.1.1 Level A.

5.1.1.1 <u>Unit package</u>. Each litter shall be clean, dry and wrapped in kraft paper or other suitable material. The wrap shall be secured with kraft gummed or pressure-sensitive tape. Each wrapped litter shall be further packaged in a box conforming to PPP-B-566, PPP-B-636, class domestic or PPP-B-676. Closure shall be as specified in the applicable box specification.

5.1.2 <u>Level C.</u>

- 5.1.2.1 <u>Unit package</u>. Preservation for the litter shall conform to the requirements of MIL-STD-794 for level C.
- 5.2 <u>Packing.</u> Packing shall be level A, B or C, as specified (see 6.2).
- 5.2.1 <u>Level A.</u> Four litters of one type only shall be packed in an exterior container designed for a type 2 load and conforming to PPP-B-601, overseas type, PPP-B-621, class 2, or PPP-B-636, class weather-resistant. Closure and strapping shall be as specified in the applicable box specification.
- 5.2.1.1 <u>Case liner</u>. Each level A wood box shall be lined with a waterproof case liner conforming to MIL-L-10547. Closure and sealing shall be as specified in the liner specification. Case liner shall not be required for fiberboard boxes. Each fiberboard box shall be waterproofed as specified in PPP-B-636.

- 5.2.2 <u>Level B.</u> Four litters of one type only shall be packed in an exterior container designed for a type 2 load and conforming to PPP-B-601, domestic type, PPP-B-621, class 1, or PPP-B-636, class domestic. Closure shall be as specified in the applicable box specification.
- 5.2.3 <u>Level C.</u> Four unit packages containing one-type of litter shall be packed in accordance with the requirements of MIL-STD-794 for level C.
- 5.2.4 Packing variation permitted. If the required number of units to be shipped is less than the number of units specified to be overpacked in an exterior container, such units shall be packed in an exterior container of suitable size and design, acceptable to a common carrier, which will insure safe delivery to destination.
- 5.2.5 <u>Unitized loads</u>. Unitized loads, commensurate with the level of packing specified in the contract or order, shall be used whenever total quantities for shipment to one destination exceed 250 pounds or 20 cubic feet. Loads shall be unitized on pallets conforming to MIL-STD-147. Quantities less than 20 cubic feet need not be unitized. Pallet loads including the pallet shall not exceed 43 inches in length, 52 inches in width, and 54 inches in height. Pallet shall conform to type IV or type V.
- 5.2.5.1 <u>Levels A and B.</u> Litters packed as specified in 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 shall be unitized on pallets as specified in 5.2.5.
- 5.2.5.2 <u>Level C.</u> Litters packed as specified in 5.2.3 shall be unitized as specified in MIL-STD-794.

5.3 Marking.

5.3.1 Levels A, B and C. Each unit pack, intermediate package, exterior container and unitized load shall be marked as specified in MIL-STD-129.

5. 4 General.

5.4.1 Exterior container. Exterior container (see 5.2.1, 5.2.2, and 5.2.3) shall be of minimum tare and cube consistent with the protection required and shall contain equal quantities of identical stock numbered items to the greatest extent practicable.

5.4.2 <u>Packaging inspection</u>. The inspection of these packaging requirements shall be in accordance with 4.5.

6. NOTES

(This section contains information of a general or explanatory nature that may be helpful, but is not mandatory.)

6.1 Intended use. All three types of litters are suitable for safe and secure transporting of patients. In addition, type II may be used in high line sea transfer of a patient secured in NSN: 6530-00-783-7600, Litter, Semirigid, Poleless.

6.2 Acquisition requirements.

- a. Title, number, and date of the specification.
- b. Issue of DODISS to be cited in the solicitation and if required, the specific issue of individual documents referenced (see 2.1).
- c. Type required (see 1.2).
- d. Selection of applicable levels of packaging and packing (see 5.1 and 5.2).
- e. When a first article is required (see 3.1, 4.1.3.1.1 and 6.3).
- 6.3 First article. When first article inspection is required, the contracting officer should provide specific guidance to offerors whether the item(s) should be a preproduction sample, a first article sample, a first production item, a sample selected from the first ten production items, a standard production item from the contractor's current inventory (see 3.1), and the number of items to be tested as specified in 4.2. The contracting officer should also include specific instructions in acquisition documents regarding arrangements for examinations, approval of first article test results, and disposition of first articles. Invitations for bids should provide that the Government reserves the right to waive the requirement for samples for first article inspection to those bidders offering a product which has been previously acquired or tested by the Government, and that bidders offering such

products, who wish to rely on such production or test, must furnish evidence with the bid that prior Government approval is presently appropriate for the pending contract. Bidders should not submit alternate bids unless specifically requested to do so in the solicitation.

6.4 This specification covers the following items appearing in the Federal Supply Catalog:

National Stock Number	Item Identification	Type
6530-00-042-8131	Litter, Rigid, Stokes	I
6530-01-315-4784	Litter, Rigid, Stokes without Leg Separator	II
6530-01-066-0452	Litter, Rigid, Stokes, Modified, Folding	III

6.5 This specification is also utilized in part for the support of procurements for NSN: 6530-00-784-4315, Strap Webbing; NSN: 6530-00-926-2278, and NSN: 6530-01-315-4785 Basket, Stokes Rigid Litter.

6.6 Subject term (keyword) listing:

Basket Stretcher, Metal Cot, Rescue and Transport Patient Transport Stretcher, Carrying, Steel Stretcher, w/o Leg Separator

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