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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: MANAGEMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT (R)

Ref: (a) DOD Directive 4500.36 of 10 Apr 85, (A)  
Subj: Management, Acquisition, and Use  
of Motor Vehicles (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To assign responsibilities for management of subject equipment under single managers within the Navy and Marine Corps.

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 4440.31B.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the management of general purpose equipment, including automotive vehicles, construction, weight handling, railway, materials handling, and associated types of equipment, afloat and ashore in the Department of the Navy. (R)

4. Definitions

a. Civil Engineering Support Equipment

(1) Automotive Vehicles. This includes trailers and all self-propelled motor vehicles designed for highway or cross-country operations. Specifically included are buses, sedans, trucks, carryalls, station wagons, ambulances, refuelers, defuelers, truck-tractors, firefighting trucks (structural, brush, and aircraft crash, fire, and rescue).

(2) Construction and Weight Handling Equipment. This includes mobile or transportable mechanical equipment used in the construction, alteration, and maintenance of buildings, roads, or other real property. Included are mobile power shovels, mobile cranes, road rollers, crawler tractors, earthmoving scrapers, snowplows, compressors, generators, street and runway sweepers, and industrial tractors. Gantry/portal cranes, overhead traveling electric cranes, and floating (YD) cranes are excluded. (R)

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- R) (3) Railway Equipment. This includes all Navy-owned locomotives, rail car movers, rail cars, and rail maintenance equipment.

- A) b. Materials Handling Equipment. This includes all self-propelled and conveyor equipment normally used in storage and materials handling operations in and around warehouses, shipyards, industrial plants, airfields, magazines, depots, docks, terminals, and on board ships. Included are warehouse tractors, forklift trucks, rough terrain forklift trucks, platform trucks, straddle carrying trucks, industrial cranes, and automated material handling systems including, but not limited to, gravity and powered conveyors, storage retrieval machines, manual or guided-wire stock selector vehicles and electronically-guided warehouse tractors. Also included are driverless tractor systems, stock selector systems, storage retrieval systems, stacker crane systems, pallet movement systems, and intra-depot transporter systems for warehouse applications. Excluded are construction and gantry/portal cranes, overhead traveling electric cranes, and non-portable shipboard conveyor systems.

5. Responsibilities. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) will:

a. Establish policies and procedures for management of subject equipment to include:

- (1) Determining requirements.
- (2) Programming and budgeting for acquisition.
- (3) Utilization.
- (4) Maintenance and operation.

b. Implement the policies and responsibilities contained in reference (a) relative to the acquisition, management, and use of motor vehicles as head of the Department of Defense (DOD) component concerned in all matters not specifically reserved for the Secretary of the Navy. Reference (a) addresses:

- (1) Domicile to duty transportation.
- (2) Vehicle pools.
- A) (3) Use of commercial-type vehicles.
- (4) Coordination and implementation of DOD 4500.36-R.

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c. The CNO shall be responsible for providing motor vehicles for Marine Corps security units at naval shore activities and providing non-tactical ambulances to Marine Corps shore activities.

6. Action. The CNO and CMC shall issue necessary directives within their assigned areas to implement this instruction.

  
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