

Military Equipment Nomenclature

<i>1st Letter (Type of installation)</i>	<i>2nd Letter (Type of Equipment)</i>	<i>3rd Letter (Purpose)</i>
A Piloted aircraft ³	A invisible light, heat radiation	A Auxiliary assemblies (not complete operating sets used with or part of two or more sets or sets series)
B Underwater mobile, submarine	B Pigeon (do not use)	B Bombing
C Air transportable (inactivated, do not use)	C Carrier	C Communications (receiving and transmitting)
D Pilotless carrier	D Radiac	D Direction finder, reconnaissance, and/or surveillance
	E Nupac	E Ejection and/or release
F Fixed ground	F Photographic*	
G General ground use (includes two or more ground-type installations)	G Telegraph or teletype	G Firecontrol or searchlight directing
		H Recording and/or reproducing (graphic meteorological and sound)
	I Interphone and public address	
	J Electromechanical (not otherwise covered)	K Computing
K Amphibious	K Telemetering	L Searchlight control (inactivated, use "G")
	L Countermeasures	M Maintenance and test assemblies (including tools)
M Ground, mobile (installed as operating unit in a vehicle which has no function other than transporting the equipment)	M Meteorological	
	N Sound in air	N Navigational aids (including altimeters, beacons, compasses, racons, depth sounding, approach, and landing)
P Pack or portable (animal or man)	P Radar	P Reproducing (inactivated, use "H")
	Q Sonar and underwater sound	Q Special, or combination of purposes
	R Radio	R Receiving, passive detecting
S Water surface craft	S Special types, magnetic, etc., or combinations of types	S Detecting and/or range and bearing, search
T Ground transportable ¹	T Telephone (wire)	T Transmitting
U General utility (includes two or more general installation classes, airborne, shipboard, and ground) ²		
V Ground, vehicular (installed in vehicle designed for functions other than carrying electronic equipment, etc., such as tanks)	V Visual and visible light	
W Water surface and underwater	W Armament (peculiar to armament, not otherwise covered)	W Automatic flight or remote control
	X Facsimile or television	X Identification and recognition
	Y Data processing	

*Not for US use except for assigning suffix letters to previously nomenclatured items.

¹ probably large and heavy

² probably 115V AC powered

³ probably high voltage DC powered