

DATA ITEM DESCRIPTION		Form Approved OMB No 0704-0188	
2. TITLE Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Manuals		1. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER DI-TMSS-80527	
3. DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE 3.1 Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) manuals contain operation, maintenance, parts lists, and other instructions applicable to equipment designed and manufactured for commercial use. (Continued on Page 2)			
4. APPROVAL DATE (YYMMDD) 880201	5. OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TM	6a. DTIC APPLICABLE	6b. GIDEP APPLICABLE
7. APPLICATION/INTERRELATIONSHIP 7.1 This Data Item Description (DID) is applicable when (existing) COTS manuals are acquired in order to evaluate their acceptability for Government use. 7.2 COTS manuals are basically acceptable for Government use when they conform to the applicable requirements of 3.1 and 3.2 of MIL-M-7298. (Continued on Page 2)			
8. APPROVAL LIMITATION	9a. APPLICABLE FORMS	9b. AMSC NUMBER A4320	
10. PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS 10.1 <u>Reference Documents</u> . The applicable issue of the documents cited herein, including their approval dates and dates of any applicable amendments, notices, and revisions, shall be as specified in the contract. 10.2 <u>Format</u> . The style and format of Commercial Off-the-Shelf COTS manuals shall be in accordance with 3.1.1 of MIL-M-7298. 10.3 <u>Content</u> . The content of Commercial Off-the-Shelf COTS manuals shall be in accordance with 3.2 of MIL-M-7298.			
11. DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT DISTRIBUTION STATEMENT A: Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.			

3. DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE (Continued)

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3.2 The Government uses COTS manuals to support commercial equipment in a Government commercial or military environment.

7. APPLICATION/INTERRELATIONSHIP (Continued)

7.3. Basically acceptable COTS manuals may require augmentation by preparation of supplemental data to make them fully acceptable for Government use.

7.4 This DID is related to "Supplemental Data for Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) Manuals", DI-TMSS-80528.

7.5 This DID supersedes DI-M-4022C, DI-M-6153, and DI-TMSS-80385.
