

IHS Haystack Comparison

Tip Sheet - Migrating from Haystack Windows/Online to Haystack Gold

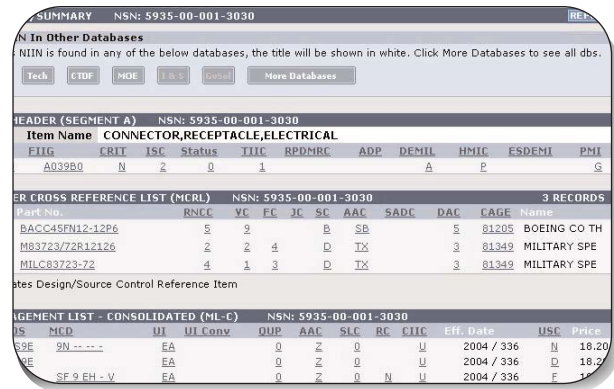


Whether you are a current user of Haystack Web, Haystack Online, Haystack for Windows, or FLIS, you will find that the new Haystack Gold product continues to be your most complete source of parts and supplier information. By combining the features and databases of IHS Haystack and USA Information Systems' FLIS, Haystack Gold provides more dependable data and search enhancements that make data mining easier than ever before. Since the two products were combined, there are some differences, a few of which are covered in this Tip Sheet.

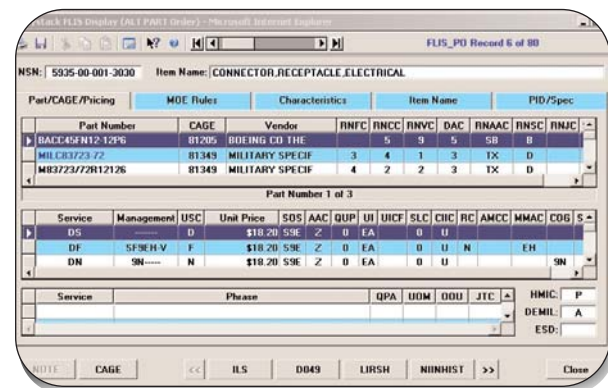
Naming Conventions

The codes on a **Details/Summary** page in Haystack Gold were formerly found on the **Part/CAGE Pricing** tab. Some of the name differences include:

Haystack Online	Haystack Gold
Vendor	Name
RNFC, RNVC, RNSC, RNJC and RNAAC	FC, VC, SC, JC, and AAC
Service	SA
Management	MCD
Unit Price	Price
UICF	UI CONV
ESD	ESDEMI



Results from a Haystack Gold FLIS Search



Results from a Haystack Online FLIS Search

Details/Summary and View Differences

Additional Haystack Gold FLIS **Details/Summary** page Haystack Web/Online **View** information includes:

1. Cross-referenced databases can be viewed in Haystack Gold FLIS results by clicking the **More Databases** button, as opposed to clicking on the buttons on the bottom of a **View** record.
2. The **Item Name** tab information in Haystack Web/Online is now found on the **FLIS HEADER (SEGMENT A)** panel, except for the ORIG code, which is the AAC code in the MCRL panel in Haystack Gold.
3. Click the **Tech** button on the Haystack Gold **Details/Summary** FLIS record to view the same data that is on the **Characteristics** tab in Haystack Web/Online. Name changes for this data include: PAC = MRC, Characteristics = Requirements, Value = Reply, and Expanded Value Display information can be found as an image when you click the FIIG IMAGE button.
4. Click the **CTDF** button on the Haystack Gold **Details/Summary** FLIS record to view the same data that is on the **PID/Spec** tab in Haystack Web/Online. Name changes include: STD = Type, Standard # = Document Number, and Standard Date = Document Date.
5. Click the **MOE** button on the Haystack Gold **Details/Summary** FLIS record to view the same data that is on the **MOE Rules** tab. Nomenclature is the same.

Searching the APL

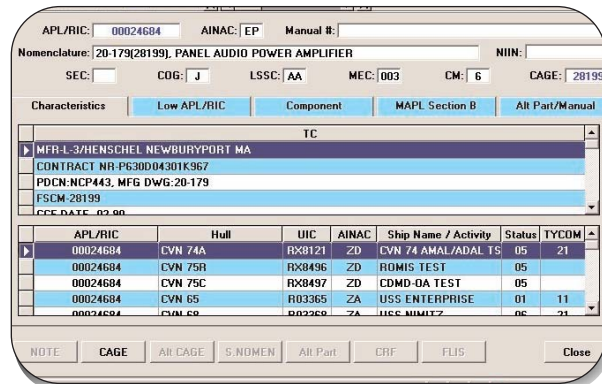
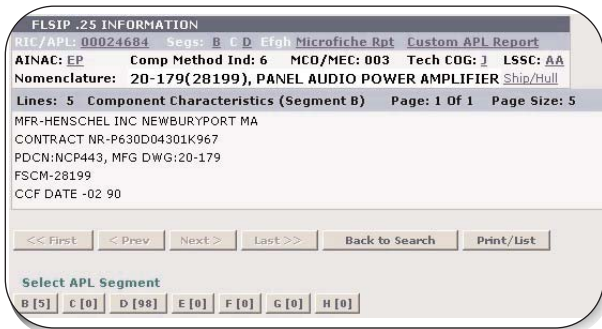
The comprehensive data for the Navy General Distribution Allowance Parts List (APL) database in Haystack Web/Online is also in Haystack Gold. It includes the Fleet Logistics Support Improvement Program (**FLSIP**) .25-APL, Modified Fleet Logistics Support improvement Program (**MODFLSIP**) APL, .5 APL, and B (electronic or **MAPL**) data. Also included are **Segments B** (Component Characteristics), **C** (Parent-to-Accessories), **D** (Component Parts), **E** (Accessory-to-Parent), **F** (Multiple Reference Numbers), **G** (Publication Manual Numbers), and **H** (Plan Numbers) data if such data is applicable or available.

When you first perform a search on the APL/ AEL database in Haystack Gold, a results list displays data for FLSIP, MAPL (when applicable), AEL (when applicable), Trident FLSIP/APL (when applicable), and Trident APL (when applicable).

Information formerly found on the **Low APL/RIC** tab in Haystack Web/Online is embedded in report data in Haystack Gold. Information formerly found on the **Alt Part/Manual** tab in Haystack Web/Online is **Segment G** data in Haystack Gold, which is not available in this example.

Searching the APL (continued)

1. In Haystack Gold, FLSIP header information is accessed by performing an APL search and then selecting FLSIP asterisk (*) links. This is the record header information on Haystack Web/Online.
2. In this example, **Segment B Component Characteristics** data in Haystack Gold is labeled **TC** on the Haystack Web/Online **Characteristicstics** tab.



3. To view the same information that is on the Haystack Web/Online **Characteristics** tab in Haystack Gold, click on the **Ship/Hull** link.
4. In Haystack Gold, click on the letter **D** in the header panel or the **D [98]** button at the bottom of an APL result screen to view the same information that is on the **Component** tab in Haystack Web/Online. In Haystack Gold, uppercase letters in the header indicate segments available for the item. Lowercase letters indicate those segments that are not available. Nomenclature differences include:
SMC = SMIC, SCC = SEC, NTS = NOT, and SM&R is separated into four columns -- SRC, UMC, RMC, and RCC.

New Features in Haystack Gold

Some of the new features you will find, dependent upon whether you are formerly a Haystack Web/Online user or a USA Information Systems customer, include:

- **Packaging Data** - Segment W Packaging data in the Haystack Gold FLIS database is information on how an item is to be packaged for shipment.

Example:

1. Go to **ChangeDB** and select the **FLIS/TIR database**.
2. Enter **000752404** in the NSN/NIIN field and click **Search**.

3. Click on the **More Databases** button, and then click on the underlined link, **Packaging Data**.

4. Click on the packaging requirement text for an explanation of the packaging requirement or click on the code for an explanation of the corresponding code.

- **Freight Data** - Segment G Freight data in the Haystack Gold FLIS database is used in the shipping of an item, which includes the National Motor Freight Code. Use the example above to see this type of data but select **Freight Data** in step 3.

- **Technical Characteristics Free-form (TCF)** - The Technical Characteristics Free-form fields display when you click the **Advanced Options** button on the FLIS/TIR screen in Haystack Gold. Use these fields to enter criteria applicable to the item you enter in the Item Name field.

- **Drill-down** - Select this radio button on the Haystack Gold FLIS/TIR **Advanced Options** screen to search through lists of Technical Characteristics, and then select applicable characteristics for the item to add as search criteria.

Example:

1. Select the **FLIS/TIR database** from the **ChangeDB** menu and enter **YOKE** the Item Name field.

2. Select the **Drill-Down** radio button and click the **Search** button. A list of Technical Characteristics applicable to YOKE displays on the *Characteristics Search Wizard* screen.

3. Enter **BEARING** in the Filter field to drill-down to NIINs associated with bearings for this YOKE, and then click the **Filter** button. You can continue to drill-down through the Technical Characteristic screens until you find all the information you need.

New Features in Haystack Gold *(continued)*

- **Found In** - This links to a list of the NSNs which include your search item in their assembly. Go to **ChangeDB** and Select the **FLIS/TIR database**, enter **000752404** in the NSN/NIIN field, click **Search**, click on the **More Databases** button, and then click on the underlined link, **Found In**.
- **Expanded Supplier Profile (ESP)** - The ESP data includes more than 400,000 suppliers that are linked and integrated with DLA CAGE, Central Contractor Register (CCR), and SBA's Vendor Profile data. Also included are data extractions from the IHS Parts and Supplier Databases, such as: Historical Contract Award History Summaries, Federal Supply Classes (FSC), Weapon System/End Item Categories, SIC/NAICS Codes, URL links to Company home pages, online catalogs, reseller listings, and more.
- **Federal Item Identification Guides (FIIG)** - The FIIG guides are a cataloging tool containing a group of technical requirements and reference drawings used to describe items of supply. An Approved Item Name (AIN) is the name selected as the official designation of an item of supply and a FIIG contains one or more AINs. All FIIG Guides are available in PDF Format. They are found in the FLIS/TIR database results in the FIIG column of the FLIS HEADER (Segment A) data.
- **PID/Spec Data** - PID/Spec links applicable to Mil-Specs of DoD Adopted Industry Standards are now available through the Contracting Technical Data File (CTDF) sub-database. You can view this data by performing a FLIS/TIR search and then clicking on the **CTDF** button.

New Databases

Haystack Gold now has databases that are new to IHS Haystack Web/Online customers, and USA Information Systems FLIS customers, providing even more content and research tools for those in Engineering, Purchasing and Acquisition, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), Sales and Marketing, or Cataloguing and Codification.

Note: Some databases, such as the Stock Number User Directory (SNUD), do not currently have search screens but the data is incorporated in applicable searches.

Some of the new databases are:

- **Tech Manual Parts Index** - searches Army technical manuals for end item and component information on specific parts.
- **Government Solicitations** - searches for RFQs sent to the government in preparation for doing business with the government. It is similar to the UPC Parts- US Government Data database in both Haystack Web and Haystack Online.
- **ProH: ICARS** - searches Procurement History: Integrated Command Accounting and Reporting System data, which is the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) collection that represents approximately 100 local and federal government agencies that are not traceable to NSNs.
- **Mnfg Drawings** - searches for NIINs across manufacturer list for manufacturer drawings that include the NIIN.
- **MSDS** - searches Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) by NSN/NIINs, FSC, description or company name. Documents include Composition/Information on Ingredients, Hazards Identification, Fire Fighting Measures, Handling and Storage, Exposure Controls/Personal Protection, Physical/Chemical Properties, and more.



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