

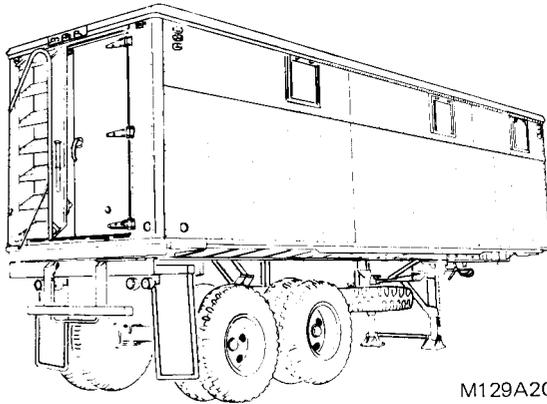
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DIRECT SUPPORT AND GENERAL SUPPORT  
MAINTENANCE MANUAL

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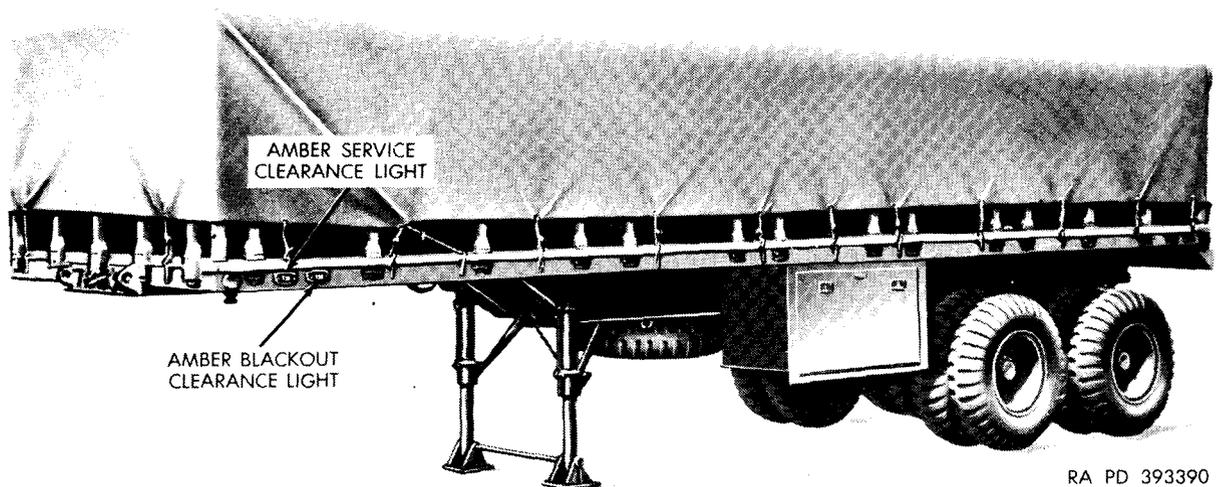
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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

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Figure 1-1. Semitrailer, stake, M127 with paulin, left front view

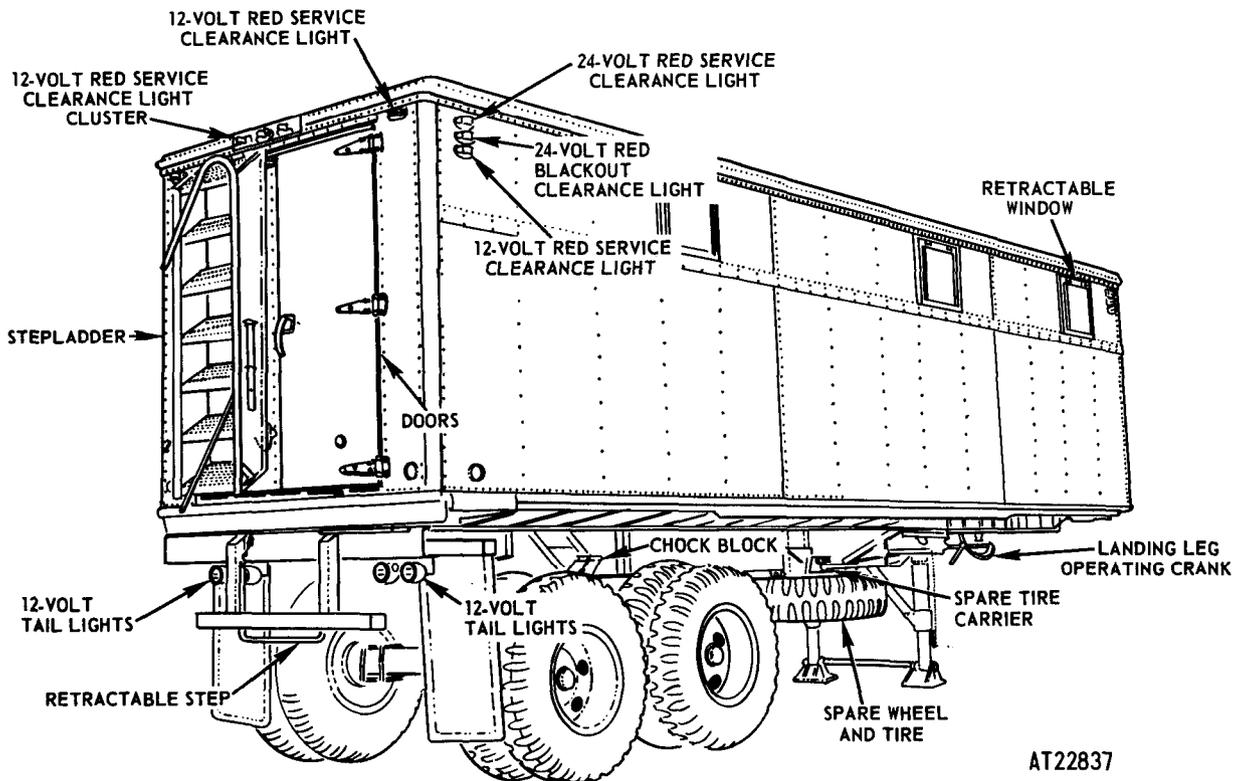


Figure 1-12. Semitrailer, supply van, M129A2C, right rear view

## 1-1. SCOPE

a. Type of Manual. Operator, Organizational, Direct Support and General Support Maintenance Manual.

b. Model Numbers and Equipment Names.

Semitrailer, Stake: 12-ton, 4-wheel  
 Semitrailer, Van: cargo, 12-ton, 4-wheel  
 Semitrailer, Van: supply, 12-ton, 4-wheel

Model No.

M127, M127AI, M127A1C, M127A2C  
 M128A1, M128A1C, M128A2C  
 M129A1, M129A1C, M129A2C  
 M129A2C ( Kasel Model)

c. Purpose of Equipment. The semitrailers are intended for use in transporting military supplies and general cargo.

d. Special Limitations. Do not exceed the load and speed limitation of the semitrailer. The semitrailer is designed to be towed over smooth, hard-surfaced roads with loads up to 18-tons at speeds as high as 50 mph. It can also be towed over unimproved roads, trails, and open rolling terrain with loads up to 12-tons at a sustained speed of 20 mph. The semitrailer should be operated only after being serviced and equipped for existing climatic conditions.

## 1-2. MAINTENANCE FORMS AND RECORDS

Department of the Army forms and procedures used for equipment maintenance will be prescribed by TM 38-750, the Army Maintenance Management System (TAMMS).

### **1-3. DESTRUCTION OF ARMY MATERIEL TO PREVENT ENEMY USE**

Refer to TM 750-244-6, Procedures for Destruction of Equipment to Prevent Enemy Use (U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command).

### **1-4. PREPARATION FOR STORAGE OR SHIPMENT**

See Chapter 6 for storage and shipment information.

### **1-5. REPORTING EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS (EIR)**

If your semitrailer needs improvement, let us know. Send us an EIR. You, the user, are the only one who can tell us what you don't like about your equipment. Let us know why you don't like the design. Put it on an SF368 (Quality Deficiency Report). Mail it to us at: Commanding General, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command, Attn: DRSTA-MP, Warren, Michigan 48090. We'll send you a reply.

### **1-6. NOMENCLATURE CROSS-REFERENCE**

Common Name	Official Nomenclature
Semitrailer (M127 Series)	Semitrailer, Stake: 12-Ton, 4-Wheel
Semitrailer (M128 Series)	Semitrailer, Van: Cargo, 12-Ton, 4-Wheel
Semitrailer (M129 Series)	Semitrailer, Van: Supply, 12-Ton, 4-Wheel

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### 1-7. PURPOSE, CAPABILITIES AND FEATURES

a. Purpose. The Semitrailer is a supply and general cargo hauling trailer in various models.

- .M127 Series - stake semitrailer (hauls breakbulk cargo)
- . M128 Series - cargo van
- . M129 Series - supply van

b. Capabilities.

(1) Each semitrailer or chassis is to be towed by a 5-ton, 6X6 truck tractor M52 or similar vehicle equipped with fifth wheel, air supply, and a 24-volt electrical system.

(2) If a 24-volt electrical system is not available, an alternate towing vehicle with a 12-volt electrical system may be used.

c. Features (All Models).

(1) General Features of All Models.

- (a) 12-ton, 4-wheel.
- (b) Cross-country payload 24,000 lbs at 20 mph.
- (c) Highway payload 24,000 lbs at 50 mph.
- (d) Fifth wheel plate and king pin coupling.
- (e) Two rear axles on leaf-spring suspension.
- (f) Foot-type retractable landing legs, for front end support.
- (g) Spare tire on winch-type spare tire carrier.
- (h) Chock blocks for parking, chained to chassis.
- (i) Two float pads, for landing leg on soft ground.
- (j) Towing vehicle supplies brake air pressure and control of brakes.
- (k) Chassis frame welded into single integral unit.

(2) Semitrailer M127, M127A1, M17A1C and M127A2C Special Features.

- (a) 12-ton, 4-wheel, stake semitrailer.
- (b) Stake pockets located on the outside of the side rails and on the front and rear crossmembers.
- (c) Thirteen sections of removable body panels; one on front, two on rear, and five on each side.
- (d) Clearance lights located on the front and back portion of each side of the semitrailer are supplied with current and operated from the towing vehicle.
- (e) Hardwood floor fastened directly to body frame.
- (f) Tool box beneath body frame; left side of semitrailer.
- (g) Equipped with rectangular paulin designed to cover areas enclosed by panels.

(3) Semitrailer M128A1, M128A1C and M128A2C Special Features.

- (a) 12-ton 4-wheel, cargo van semitrailer.
- (b) Used as a cargo carrier.
- (c) Body does not have windows or ventilation openings other than ventilation fan.
- (d) 12-volt and 24-volt electrical system.