

Section II

ACCOMPANYING LOAD AND DROP ITEMS

3-6. Stowing Accompanying Loads

CAUTIONS

1. Only that ammunition listed in FM 10-553/TO 13C7-18-41 may be rigged for airdrop.
2. Hazardous materials must be packaged, marked, and labeled as required by AFR 71-4/TM 38-250.
3. At least two layers of honeycomb must be placed under all ammunition rigged for airdrop.

Each specific rigging manual contains the weight limitations, placement instructions, and any additional restrictions on accompanying loads. Exact instructions for lashing the accompanying load are given in the specific rigging manual.

3-7. Preparing Drop Items

Note: Fifteen-foot tiedown straps **MUST** be used when items are prepared for airdrop. Type X nylon webbing must **NOT** be used.

Some items need to be prepared for rigging. This preparation can include removing, reinforcing, stowing, and securing components. Detailed preparation instructions will be included in the specific rigging manual.

3-8. Covering Load

Covers may be needed to protect the load. The load may need to be covered to keep the suspension slings from fouling. To keep the load from being damaged by falling hardware such as load couplers or parachute releases, it may be necessary to cover portions of the load with honeycomb protectors. If a cover is needed, the specific rigging manual will include this information and the procedures for its installation.