

Search a Vehicle

191-376-5122

Conditions: You have probable cause or have been directed to search a vehicle. You are given a locally produced "consent-to-search" waiver; Department of the Army (DA) Forms 2823, 3881, 3975, and 4137; an occupied vehicle; and an improvised mirror device.

Standards: Perform all steps to conduct a lawful search of a vehicle, identify and collect all contraband and/or evidence, and ensure the proper disposition of the individuals.

Performance Steps

1. Stop the vehicle.
2. Inform the occupants of the reason for the search.
3. Request a consent to search, if needed.
 - a. Prepare a "consent-to-search" waiver and have the driver sign it.
 - b. Identify the occupants by looking at their driver's licenses or identification (ID) cards.
 - c. Ask the occupants to get out of the vehicle.
 - d. Direct the occupants to move to a place about 5 meters from the vehicle and out of the flow of traffic where they can be watched.
4. Search the vehicle.
 - a. Search the inside of the vehicle to include--
 - (1) Behind and under the seat.
 - (2) Under the dashboard.
 - (3) The glove and tool compartment.
 - (4) Above the sun visor.
 - b. Search the exterior of the vehicle, in sequence, to include--
 - (1) The left front-fender well and behind the wheel.
 - (2) Under the front bumper and behind and underneath the grill.
 - (3) Under the hood. Raise the hood and check all areas behind the radiator and around the engine.
 - (4) The right front-fender well and behind the wheel.
 - (5) Underneath the right side of the body, back to and including the right rear-fender well, and behind the wheel.
 - (6) Inside cargo areas and trunk.
 - (7) Under and behind the rear bumper.
 - (8) The left rear-fender well and behind the wheel.
 - (9) Underneath the left side of the body, back to left front-fender well.
 - (10) The top of the vehicle.

NOTE: Use an improvised mirror device to search the undercarriage as well as areas that are difficult to see.

5. Use a mirror device to search underneath the vehicle. Refer to Figure 191-376-5122-1.

Performance Steps

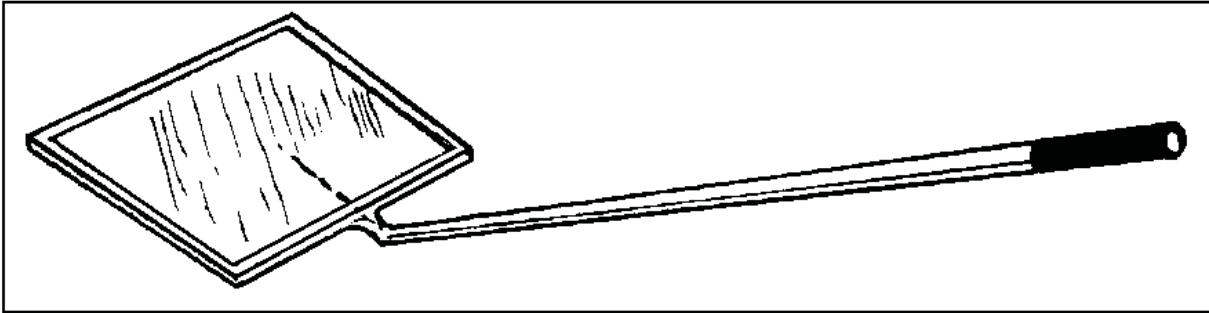


Figure 191-376-5122-1
Mirror Device

6. Performed the following procedures when--
 - a. A consent to search was needed, but was not given.
 - (1) Repeat steps 3b through 3d.
 - (2) Have the driver move the vehicle so that it does not block the flow of traffic and lock it.
 - (3) Contact the desk sergeant who will call the military magistrate's judge's office for authority to search.
 - (4) Release the vehicle to the driver, and thank him for cooperating if authority to search the vehicle is not obtained. Help the driver reenter the flow of traffic.
 - b. Authority to search the vehicle is obtained. Return to the vehicle and search it according to step 4.
7. Release the vehicle to the driver and help him to reenter the flow of traffic if prohibited items are not found in the vehicle.
8. Apprehend the offender, and transport him to the military police (MP) station when prohibited items are found in the vehicle and the offender is military.
9. Apprehend the offender, transport him to the MP station, and notify civilian authorities when prohibited items are found in the vehicle and the offender is not military.
10. Complete DA Forms 3975 and 4137. Refer to Task 191-376-0012 and Task 191-376-5138.
11. Advise the offender of his rights before questioning him. Prepare DA Form 3881 as shown in Figure 191-376-5122-2, front and back.

Performance Steps

13. Dispose of prohibited items as directed by your supervisor.

Evaluation Preparation: Setup: Provide a vehicle and someone to act as a driver.

Brief soldier: Remind the soldier of the necessity to use interpersonal communications skills. Tell him to be firm, but courteous.

Performance Measures	<u>GO</u>	<u>NO GO</u>
1. Stopped the vehicle.	—	—
2. Informed the occupants of the reason for the search.	—	—
3. Received a consent to search.	—	—
4. Searched the vehicle.	—	—
5. Used a mirror device to search underneath the vehicle.	—	—
6. Performed the required procedures when a consent to search a vehicle was needed, but was not given and when the authority to search a vehicle was obtained.	—	—
7. Released the vehicle to the driver and helped him to reenter the flow of traffic if prohibited items were not found in the vehicle.	—	—
8. Apprehended the offender and transported him to the MP station when prohibited items were found in the vehicle and the offender was military.	—	—
9. Apprehended the offender, transported him to the MP station, and notified civilian authorities when prohibited items were found in the vehicle and the offender was not military.	—	—
10. Completed DA Forms 3975 and 4137.	—	—
11. Advised the offender of his rights before questioning him. Prepared DA Form 3881.	—	—
12. Took the offender's statement on DA Form 2823.	—	—
13. Disposed of prohibited items as directed by your supervisor.	—	—

Evaluation Guidance: Score the soldier GO if all steps are passed (P). Score the soldier NO-GO if any step is failed (F). If the soldier fails any step, show him how to do it correctly.

References**Required**

DA FORM 2823
DA FORM 3881
DA FORM 3975
DA FORM 4137

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