

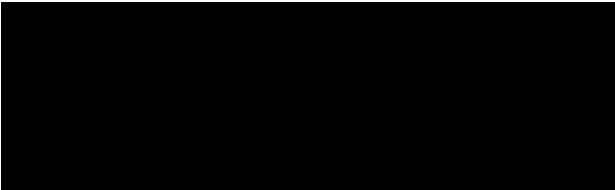


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Our Reference:
FOI2021/11022
Date:
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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 27 September 2021, requesting the following information:

For the following Ex Military Cast/auctioned off vehicle GE39AB MAN SV TRUCK CARGO

Please could you supply a copy of the vehicles Service / Maintenance / and user/units from the JAMES and any other computer records system please. I have checked the Merlin release and there is no recorded information for GE39AB, as I believe the vehicle was cast after this system was closed and downloaded.

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

A search has been carried out of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records and it is confirmed that some information is held.

This is enclosed, as follows:

Annex A - Modification History (Redacted)

Annex B - Fault History (Redacted)

It has proved necessary to withhold some information in accordance with qualified exemption Section 43(2) (Commercial Interests) of the FOI Act. This concerns information which if disclosed would or would likely; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including defence contractors and the public authority holding it). Specifically, some of the Modification and Fault Histories relate to contractor repair times.

It was necessary to undertake a Public Interest Test to determine whether the balance for withholding the information outweighs that for disclosure.

General arguments in favour of release were that full disclosure would demonstrate the MOD's commitment to openness and transparency; and make the UK Government more accountable to the electorate. The FOI Act also contains a presumption for release.

However, releasing some of the Modification and Fault Histories would provide details of the time taken by MOD contractors to rectify fault reports which could, along with previously published

information, be used to make reasonable assumptions about hourly labour rates. As market sensitive information, release would likely be detrimental to future competitions.

Given this argument, on balance, it was determined that the information should be withheld. The level of prejudice against release of this exempted information has been set at the higher level of “would” rather than “would be likely to”.

Although you were unable to locate details of your vehicle on the published Merlin database, I can advise you that records about the units it was assigned to are, in fact, available there. Section 21(1) of the FOI Act provides that this information is exempt if it is reasonably available by other means. As you may be aware, the Merlin archive was released as part of a previous FOI request and can be accessed at the Government publications website, at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing-09-july-2018>.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, I can advise you that the Merlin database in the above link is split into seven spreadsheets. The first has a list of vehicles, while sheets two through seven include the service histories. To search for a vehicle, you will need to press Ctrl + F on your computer keyboard, then select ‘Options’ and then select ‘Workbook’ from the ‘Within’ drop down list. Information relevant to your request can be found by typing the vehicle registration number and pressing ‘enter’.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

DE&S Secretariat

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Serial Number:	GE39AB														
NSN:	2320999087114														
Criteria:															
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Work Object Status:	Open														
Mission Impact:	ALL														
Fault State:	ALL														
Escalate Work:	ALL														
Work Request ID:															
Assigned Work Status:	ALL														
Working Organisation:															
Repair Section:															
Modification Event ID	Modification Number	Modification Description	Work Request ID	Escalate Work	Production Classification/In Service Classification	Modification Type	Apply When Usage Equals	Embodiment Target Date	Usage Counter Units	Fault State	Work Status	Repair Level	Working Organisation	Repair Section	Estimated Repair Time
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000000-007FC78F	01243	SNvE 1243 - Inspect and sentence cam net stowage straps law SNvE 1243		No	1/A	SvE		30 Jul 2021		Limited Role	AL	Level 2			
000000-007F6A91	00019	SV - Cat 821 Gen Instr No. 19 - Fitment of Rearward Warning Sticker		No	1/A	STI		31 Aug 2021		Fully Fit	AL	Level 1			

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