

**TABLE 7**  
**REFERENCE NUMBER VARIATION CODES (RNVC)**

A table of codes to indicate that a cited reference number is item identifying, is not item identifying, or is a reference number for information only.

**CODE    EXPLANATION**

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| 1 | A design control reference or other reference number that does not identify an item of production without the use of additional information, or is either a specification, part, type or similar reference number that does not identify an item of supply without the use of additional information.  |
| 2 | A design control reference or other reference number that is an item-identifying number for an item of production, or is either a source control reference, a specification or a standard part, type, or similar reference number that is an item-identifying number for an item of supply.  |
| 3 | A vendor's reference (part) number on a source control item, as defined in MIL-STD-100A, which is repairable through the removal, exchange, and reinstallation of component parts. The related source control document number will also reflect the code 3. This code is limited to a type 1B or 4B item identification.   |
| 8 | A non-item-identifying reference number that is added to a replacement NSN as a result of a cancel-use action on a NSN recorded with ISC 3 or E. It is used to indentify the original item of supply/replaced item. This reference number is automatically moved and this code is automatically assigned, do not submit for cataloging purposes.   |
| 9 | A reference number which was the Design Control Reference for the item of supply concept (Original Design Activity) that is now inactive coded Reference Number Category Code (RNCC) 3; a specification, standard, or other reference number which is superseded, cancelled, obsolete or discontinued is coded RNCC 5; a reference number for information only is coded RNCC 6; or a drawing number reference is coded RNCC D. |

**NOTES:**

1. Each reference number or portion of a reference number shall be coded as follows:
  - a. The reference number for a manufacturer's source controlling reference or a specification controlling reference for a type 1, 2, or 4 item identification shall always contain RNVC 2.
  - b. For a type 1A, 1B, 4A, or 4B item identification, the reference number for a related non-definitive specification or standard reference number shall always contain RNVC 1.

c. For a type 1A or 4A item identification, the design control reference shall always be item-identifying of the item of production and this reference number shall always contain RNVC 2. Additional reference numbers related to type 1A or 4A item identification, other than the reference number, may contain RNVC 1 or 2 depending on whether or not the reference number must be supplemented in order to identify the same item of production. An activity submitting such an additional reference number to a type 1A or 4A item identification which requires RNVC 1 shall be prepared to furnish data substantiating that the submitted reference number, with stated modifications or changes, represents the same item of production as the reference number.

d. For a type 1B or 4B item identification, the design control reference shall always be the type which requires supplementary data to identify the item of production, and this reference number shall always contain RNVC 1. Additional reference numbers related to a type 1B or 4B item identification, other than the reference number, may contain RNVC 1 or 2 depending on whether or not the reference number must be supplemented in order to identify the same item of production. An activity submitting an additional reference number for a type 1B or 4B item identification which does not require RNVC 1 shall be prepared to furnish data substantiating that the submitted reference number represents the same item of production represented by the design control reference and the content of the differentiating characteristic(s).

e. For a type 2 item identification, the design control reference for each item of production included in the type 2 concept shall always be item-identifying of the items of production and shall always contain RNVC 2. Where an additional reference is known to represent the same item of production as the design control references, the reference (always containing RNCC 5) may contain RNVC 1 or 2 depending on whether or not the number must be supplemented in order to identify the item of production. Where an additional reference is coded RNCC 4, the RNVC shall always be 1.

2. When a definitive specification or standard designator reference (RNCC 2) constitutes the only available reference related to a proposed type 2 item identification, and this reference has the effect of fully identifying the item of supply, such a reference number may be submitted for assignment of National Stock Number. In such a case the reference number shall contain RNVC 2.

3. See volume 12, DRN [4780](#) for definition and format.

4. Reference numbers assigned RNVC 8 will always be submitted with RNCC E.