

**Table B-1
Aviation specific—Continued**

Keyword/explanation:	Permitted inappropriate selection of LZ/touchdown or termination point for aircrew experience/level of training intended.
Code: P22	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to ensure repairs, services, modifications, installations, or maintenance such as lubrication/inspections, were completed in accordance with TMs, SOPs.
Code: P23	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to take appropriate/timely actions to prevent or stop violations of safe operations/procedures.
Code: P24	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate mission planning.
	Risk management, operational and logistical decisions.
	In-flight planning - Failure to properly modify flight planning or procedure(s) in response to in-flight events, conditions, or circumstances. Improperly modifying the plan during execution.
	Preflight planning - Failure to choose appropriate flight options for known conditions and contingencies and develop these into a course of action to maximize probability of mission accomplishment.
Code: P25	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to brief/provide information adequate for mission accomplishment.
Code: P97	
Keyword/explanation:	Insufficient information to determine the mistake or task error.

**Table B-2
Ground Specific**

Individual mistakes/task errors -	Errors made by personnel not in a supervisory capacity or a supervisor that makes an error not related to supervisory responsibilities. For example, a supervisor was injured because he failed to wear his seatbelt.
Code: 01	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate planning - Failed to properly organize or coordinate. Improper modification of the plan during execution.
Code: 02	
Keyword/explanation:	Improperly/failed to lock/block/secure, (for example, load).
Code: 03	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate inspection/check of vehicle or equipment (before, during, after operations check). Failed to use the appropriate checklist or TM to perform the inspection.
Code: 04	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper application of safety equipment, device, guard, sign, signal, or PPE.
	Failed to adhere to posted warning signs/signals/guards.
	Failed to use required safety equipment, device, guard, sign, signal or PPE.
Code: 05	
Keyword/explanation:	Operating while fatigued when not necessary/directed.
Code: 06	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper use of equipment -
	Did not use equipment when required.
	Used right equipment improperly.
	Used wrong equipment.
Code: 07	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper lifting -
	Used incorrect lifting technique.

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	Failed to use appropriate assistance.
Code: 08	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to take appropriate precautions for adverse environmental conditions (rain, haze, fog, snow, ice, reduced visibility).
Code: 09	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper body position -
	Hazardous position.
	Awkward position.
	Unprotected position (sleeping, eating).
Code: 10	
Keyword/explanation:	Improperly walked, ran, or climbed.
Code: 11	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to stay alert, remain awake, or attentive to what was happening (situational awareness to environment, conditions, or operations).
	Failed to pay attention.
	Improperly divided attention.
	Improperly monitored.
	Improperly scanned.
	Fell asleep.
Code: 12	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to ensure adequate clearance/space (enough room) for operation.
Code: 13	
Keyword/explanation:	Misjudged clearance (improperly estimated/evaluated).
Code: 14	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper weapons and ammunition handling -
	Improper sighting, aiming, firing, throwing.
	Unauthorized use or handling.
	Improper carrying, lifting, transporting.
	Improper clearing, disarming, unloading.
	Improper assembling, cleaning, disassembling.
	Improper disposal or turn-in.
Code: 16	
Keyword/explanation:	Improperly pulled or pushed equipment or material.
Code: 17	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to firmly grip/hold equipment/material.
Code: 18	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate improvising/troubleshooting.
Code: 19	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate crew coordination/communication.
	Improper actions sequence - improper sequencing or timing of actions with other crewmembers; for example, driver initiated vehicle movement before receiving clearance from ground guide or senior occupant.
	Failure to offer assistance, information, or warning, (for example, driver failed to warn other crewmembers of impending hazard (rollover)).

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	Lack of positive communication, (for example, transmission, acknowledgement, or confirmation using standard terminology with specific qualifiers); (for example, tank commander failing to confirm crewmembers were clear before traversing turret).
	Failure to announce decision/action that affects other crewmembers' duties, (for example, occupant failed to announce to the driver their decision to dismount the vehicle during a momentary halt).
	Failed to direct/request assistance from other crewmembers, (for example, although neither track command (TC) nor driver could see, the TC failed to direct a crewmember to dismount and act as a ground guide).
Code: 20	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper assembly.
Code: 21	
Keyword/explanation:	Under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
Codes 22–39 reserved for future use.	

VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT SPECIFIC

Code: 40	
Keyword/explanation:	Excessive speed.
	Exceeding the posted speed limits.
	Excessive speed for conditions.
Code: 41	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper passing.
	Misjudged clearance while passing.
	Passing at an unsafe time or place.
	Failed to take precautions when passing pedestrians.
Code: 42	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper turning.
	Failed to yield the right-of-way while turning.
	Oversteering while turning.
	Improper U–Turn.
Code: 43	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to yield the right-of-way other than when turning.
Code: 44	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to stop at a controlled intersection.
Code: 45	
Keyword/explanation:	Improperly stopped or parked.
Code: 46	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper backing.
Code: 47	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to use a ground guide when required.
Code: 48	
Keyword/explanation:	Ground guide used improper/incorrect position, signal, or procedure.
Code: 49	
Keyword/explanation:	Following too close for environmental conditions or vehicle speed/design.
Code: 50	
Keyword/explanation:	Driving in the wrong lane.
Code: 51	

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Keyword/explanation:	Improper lane change.
Code: 52	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper braking.
	Improper placement on the pedal.
	Too much or too little pressure.
	Applied too soon or too late.
Code: 53	
Keyword/explanation:	Improperly shifted/placed gear selector on vehicle or equipment.
Code: 54	
Keyword/explanation:	Abrupt control/steering response (except while turning).
Code: 55	
Keyword/explanation:	Improperly mounted or dismounted vehicle/equipment.
Code: 56	
Keyword/explanation:	Operating vehicle/equipment with known malfunction/unsafe mechanical conditions.
Codes: 57–74 reserved for future use.	
Leader/Supervisory Mistakes/Task Errors - Errors made by personnel acting in a leader or supervisory capacity in which they failed to execute a task associated with supervisory responsibilities.	
Code: 75	
Keyword/explanation:	Improper personnel selection/assignment.
	Inexperienced.
	Untrained.
	Unlicensed.
	Impaired, (for example, fatigued).
Code: 76	
Keyword/explanation:	Knowingly allowed equipment operator to violate procedures.
Code: 77	
Keyword/explanation:	Failure to ensure proper positioning of personnel prior to vehicle/equipment operation.
Code: 78	
Keyword/explanation:	Failure to brief or provide adequate information.
Code: 79	
Keyword/explanation:	Failure to assign responsibilities before or during the mission.
Code: 80	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequately/improperly selected site location/termination point, (for example, size, obstacles/environmental hazards/crew experience).
Code: 81	
Keyword/explanation:	Improperly prepared site location, (for example, type/placement of markers/detection/removal of obstacles/hazards).
Code: 82	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to ensure adequate inspection/check of vehicle or equipment (before, during, after operations check) was conducted. Failed to ensure the appropriate checklist or TM to perform the inspection was used.
Code: 83	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to conduct adequate pre-mission inspection of personnel or equipment.

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Code: 84	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to ensure repairs, services, modifications, installations, or maintenance such as lubrication/inspections, were completed in accordance with appropriate TMs and SOPs.
Code: 85	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to take appropriate/timely actions to prevent or stop violations of safe operations/procedures; for example, make on the spot corrections.
Code: 86	
Keyword/explanation:	Failed to enforce use of personal protective equipment.
Code: 87	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate mission planning.
	Inadequate time allowed for pre-mission preparation. Set mission start time which did not allow adequate pre-mission preparation.
	Set/permitted inappropriate mission start time for environmental/weather conditions.
	Mission execution - failure to properly modify the plan or procedure(s) in response to mission events, conditions, or circumstances. Improperly modifying the plan during execution.
	Pre-mission planning - failure to choose appropriate options for known conditions and contingencies and develops this into a course of action to maximize probability of mission accomplishment. Risk management, operational, and logistical decisions.
Code: 97	
Keyword/explanation:	Insufficient information to determine the mistake or task error.

**Table B-3
Materiel failures/malfunctions**

Code: M01	
Keyword/explanation:	Overheated/burned/melted. Key words: blister, boil, carbonize, char, flame, fuse, or glaze. Excessive heat caused materiel or equipment to fail or malfunction.
Code: M02	
Keyword/explanation:	Froze (temperature). Key words: congeal or solidify. Excessive cold caused materiel/equipment to fail/malfunction.
Code: M03	
Keyword/explanation:	Obstructed/pinched/clogged. Key words: block, crimp, or restrict. Function of materiel or equipment was hindered or completely cut off by an obstacle.
Code: M04	
Keyword/explanation:	Vibrated. Key words: oscillate or shake. Side-to-side or forward-and-backward movement of materiel or equipment caused it to fail or malfunction.
Code: M05	
Keyword/explanation:	Rubbed/worn/frayed. Key words: abrade, chafe, fret, groove, score, or scrape. Friction-producing movement was applied to materiel or equipment to such an extent that it failed or malfunctioned.
Code: M06	
Keyword/explanation:	Corroded/rusted/pitted. Key words: erode or oxidize. Gradual wearing away (usually by chemical action) of materiel or equipment to such an extent that it failed or malfunctioned.
Code: M07	
Keyword/explanation:	Overpressured/burst. Key words: balloon, bulge, explode, rupture, or swell. Steady or abrupt force was applied over the surface of materiel or equipment to such an extent that it failed or malfunctioned.
Code: M08	
Keyword/explanation:	Pulled/stretched. Key word; elongate. Steady or abrupt force applied to materiel or equipment caused it to move toward the force, in whole or in part, to such an extent that it failed or malfunctioned.
Code: M09	

**Table B-3
Materiel failures/malfunctions—Continued**

Keyword/explanation:	Twisted/torqued. Key word: turn. Steady or abrupt application of twisted forces caused materiel or equipment to fail or malfunction.
Code: M10	
Keyword/explanation:	Compressed/hit/punctured. Key words: chip, collapse, crush, dent, nick, pinch, press. Steady or abrupt application of force that presses/impacts materiel or equipment causing it to fail or malfunction.
Code: M11	
Keyword/explanation:	Bent/warped. Key words: bow or buckle. Changing materiel or equipment from an original straight, level, or even condition through the application of force to such an extent that it failed or malfunctioned.
Code: M12	
Keyword/explanation:	Sheared/cut. Key words: chop or sever. Failure or malfunction was caused by steady or abrupt force applied to materiel, resulting in a break with the two parts sliding parallel to each other in different directions.
Code: M13	
Keyword/explanation:	Decayed/decomposed. Key words: mildew, rot, or spoil. Chemical or biological action resulted in a gradual decline in materiel or equipment strength to such an extent that it failed or malfunctioned.
Code: M14	
Keyword/explanation:	Electric current action. Key words: short, arc, fusing, grounding, amperage, voltage, surge. Action of electric current caused materiel or equipment to fail or malfunction.
Code: M15	
Keyword/explanation:	No defect but does not meet the mission requirements.
Code: M97	
Keyword/explanation:	Insufficient information to determine type of failure.

**Table B-4
Environmental conditions**

Code: E01	
Keyword/explanation:	Illumination. Key words: bright, dark, dim, glare, or light. Too much or too little light that was a negative influence on vision.
Code: E02	
Keyword/explanation:	Precipitation. Key words: condensation, fog, frost, hail, ice, mist, rain, sleet, or snow. Climatic precipitation that has a negative influence on human or machine performance.
Code: E03	
Keyword/explanation:	Contaminants. Key words: carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, chemicals, dust, foreign/debris, fumes, gases, impurities, mists, smog, smoke, toxic materials, or vapors. Natural or manmade elements that render material or the environment unsatisfactory for human or machine use and have a negative influence on performance.
Code: E04	
Keyword/explanation:	Noise. Key words: bang, din, explosion, shout, or static. Unwanted sound that produces hearing loss, disturbs/distracts attention from task at hand, or interfered with communication.
Code: E05	
Keyword/explanation:	Temperature/humidity. Key words: blow, blast, gust, hurricane, storm, tornado, or turbulence. Natural or manmade air movement that has a negative influence on human or machine performance.
Code: E06	
Keyword/explanation:	Wind/turbulence. Key words: blow, blast, gust, hurricane, storm, tornado, or turbulence. Natural or manmade air movement that has a negative influence on human or machine performance.
Code: E07	
Keyword/explanation:	Vibration. Key words: bounce, buck, bump, jar, jolt, jump, oscillate, roll, shake, vibrate, shimmy, or sway. Repeated/periodic motions that have a negative influence on human or machine performance.

Table B-4
Environmental conditions—Continued

Code: E08	
Keyword/explanation:	Acceleration/deceleration. Forces experienced by personnel/materiel due to rate of change of velocity.
Code: E09	
Keyword/explanation:	Radiation. Key words: alpha radiation, beta radiation, gamma radiation, ionizing, laser, maser, neutron radiation, non-ionizing, radio waves, sunlight, ultraviolet, or X radiation. Radiant energy emitted in waves or particles that have a negative influence on human or machine performance.
Code: E10	
Keyword/explanation:	Work surface/space. Keywords: holes, inclines, rocky, rough, rutted, slippery, steep, or uneven wave action. Conditions (excluding precipitation) of natural or manmade work surfaces on which personnel and machines operate that have a negative influence on performance.
Code: E11	
Keyword/explanation:	Air pressure. Key words: altitude, bends, blast, boom, chokes, decompression, explosion, or hypoxia. Sudden or gradual changes in air pressure that have a negative influence on human or machine performance.
Code: E12	
Keyword/explanation:	Electricity. Key words: burn out, electrocute, discharge, ground, lighting, shock, short, or static. Natural or manmade electrical current that has a negative influence on human or machine performance.
Code: E13	
Keyword/explanation:	Animals. Key words: bitten, burrowed, chewed, clawed, infects, infested, pecked, poisoned, scratched, stung, flew into. The actions or presence of animals that injures personnel, cause personnel to make errors, damage equipment, or cause equipment to malfunction.
Code: E97	
Keyword/explanation:	Insufficient information to identify environmental conditions.
Code: E98	
Keyword/explanation:	Not applicable, not caused by Army. Army had no contributing role.
Code: E99	
Keyword/explanation:	Insufficient information reported to identify the cause.

Table B-5
System inadequacies/readiness shortcomings/root causes ("Why" the error/failure/malfunction occurred)

LEADER FAILURE occurs when leaders fail to monitor mission execution and planning, correct inappropriate behavior, take appropriate action, or emphasize correct procedures that allowed subordinates to commit task errors or results in a materiel failure.

Code: 01	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate/improper supervision by higher command.
Code: 02	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate/improper supervision by staff officer.
Code: 03	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate/improper supervision by unit command.
Code: 04	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate/improper supervision by direct supervisor/noncommissioned officer in charge/platoon leader/instructor. Note: Inadequate supervision becomes a root cause when it leads to accident-causing personnel mistakes or materiel failure/malfunctions. Inadequate supervision is more clearly identifiable at the immediate-supervisor level.
Code: 04A	
Keyword/explanation:	When a leader who is not in the individual chain of command fails to make an on-the-spot correction.

TRAINING FAILURE occurs when training is incorrect, incomplete, insufficient for performance to standard.

Code: 05	
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**Table B-5
System inadequacies/readiness shortcomings/root causes ("Why" the error/failure/malfunction occurred)—Continued**

Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate school training. School training becomes a root cause when people make accident-causing mistakes because the school training was inadequate in content or amount.
Code: 06	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate unit/on-the-job training. Unit/on-the-job training becomes a root cause when people make accident-causing mistakes because the training provided was inadequate in content or amount.
Code: 07	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate experience. Supervised on-the-job experience is the follow-up to school and unit training programs. Experience becomes a root cause when people make accident-causing mistakes because the experience provided was inadequate in content or amount.
Code: 08	
Keyword/explanation:	Habit interference becomes a root cause when a person makes an accident-causing error because task performance was interfered with either the way he usually performs similar tasks, or the way he usually performs the same task under different conditions or with different equipment.

STANDARDS FAILURE occurs when standards do not exist or they are unclear, impractical, or inadequate.

Code: 09	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate written procedures for operation under normal or abnormal/emergency conditions. Inadequate written procedures (AR, TM, SOP, written directives) become the root causes when they lead to accident-causing mistakes or materiel failures/malfunctions.

SUPPORT FAILURE occurs when the type, amount, capabilities, condition of the support is sufficient to correctly perform the mission. Support includes: personnel, equipment, materiel, supplies, services, or facilities.

Code: 10	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate facilities/service. Inadequate facilities or services become root causes when the maintenance, space and/or support provided for personnel and materiel to accomplish their functions cause mistakes or failures/malfunctions that lead to accidents. (Examples of facilities or services are recreation areas, POL services, housing, medical clinics/hospitals, weather service, storage areas, maintenance facilities, and property disposal.)
Code: 11	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate/improper equipment design or equipment not provided. Improperly designed equipment and materiel or lack of equipment/materiel become root causes when the design or lack of equipment leads to accident-causing personnel errors or materiel failures/malfunctions.
Code: 12	
Keyword/explanation:	Insufficient number or type of personnel. Insufficient number or type of personnel becomes a root cause when people make accident-causing mistakes or materiel fails/malfunctions because the number or type of personnel was insufficient.
Code: 13	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate quality control, manufacture, packaging, or assembly. The inadequate manufacture, assembly, packaging, or quality control of materiel becomes a root cause when it leads to accident-causing personnel errors or materiel failures/malfunctions. Note: (Includes original manufacture and rebuild.)
Code: 14	
Keyword/explanation:	Inadequate maintenance. Inadequate maintenance (inspection, installation, troubleshooting, recordkeeping) becomes a root cause when it leads to accident-causing personnel errors or materiel failures/malfunctions.

INDIVIDUAL FAILURE occurs when the individual knows the standard and is trained to standard but elected not to follow the standard.

Code: 15	
Keyword/explanation:	Fear/Excitement/Anger (inadequate composure). Each person is a part of the system. Therefore, his state of mind is a system element. Inadequate composure is a temporary state of mind that becomes a root cause when a person makes an accident-causing error because of fear, excitement, or some related emotional factor made clear, rational thought impossible.
Code: 16	
Keyword/explanation:	Overconfidence/complacency in abilities. Overconfidence is a temporary state of mine that becomes a root cause when an accident is caused by a person's unwarranted reliance on their own ability to perform a task, the ability of someone else to perform a task, the performance capabilities of equipment or other materiel.

Table B-5
System inadequacies/readiness shortcomings/root causes ("Why" the error/failure/malfunction occurred)—Continued

Code: 17	
Keyword/explanation:	Lack of confidence. Lack of confidence is temporary of mind that becomes a root cause when accident is caused by a person's unwarranted lack of reliance on his own ability to perform the task, the ability of someone else to perform the task, the performance capabilities of equipment or other material.
Code: 18	
Keyword/explanation:	Haste. A a temporary state of mind that becomes a root cause when a person makes a mistake because they are in a hurry and the error contributes to or causes an accident.
Code: 19	
Keyword/explanation:	Fatigue (self-induced). Fatigue is a temporary physical and/or mental state that becomes a root cause when a person makes an accident-causing error because of reduced physical or mental capabilities resulting from previous activity and/or lack of rest.
Code: 20	
Keyword/explanation:	Effects of alcohol, drugs, illness. The temporary effects of alcohol, drugs, or illness become a root cause when a person makes an accident-causing error because of reduced physical or mental capabilities resulting from one or more of these effects.
Code: 21	
Keyword/explanation:	Poor attitude/indiscipline. A temporary state of mind that becomes a root cause when a person's unwarranted or willful disregard for existing standards or know safe conduct results in an error that causes or contributes to an accident.
Code: 22	
Keyword/explanation:	Environment conditions. Unknown or unavoidable conditions, which result in materiel failure or induce human error.
Code: 97	
Keyword/explanation:	Insufficient information to determine system inadequacy/cause.

Table B-6
Recommendations/controls/corrective actions/countermeasures

Code: 01	
Keyword/explanation:	Improve school training. The improvement recommended should be directed toward the content or amount of school training needed to correct the accident-causing error. For example:
	Provide school training for the person who made the error due to not being school trained.
	Improve the content of a school training program to better cover the task in which the error was made.
	Expand the amount of school training given on the task in which the error was made.
Code: 02	
Keyword/explanation:	Improve unit training. The improvement recommended should be directed toward the content or amount of unit training needed to correct the accident-causing error. For example:
	Provide unit training for the person who made the error due to not being unit trained.
	Improve the content of unit training to better cover the task in which the error was made.
	Expand the amount of unit training given on the task in which the error was made.
Code: 03	
Keyword/explanation:	Revise procedures for operation under normal or abnormal/emergency conditions. The changes recommended should be directed toward changing existing procedures or including new ones. If the change is to an AR, TM, FM, Soldier's Manual, or other Army publication, tell the date when DA Form 2028 was submitted.
Code: 04	
Keyword/explanation:	Ensure personnel are ready to perform. The purpose of this recommendation is to encourage supervisors to make sure that their people are capable of performing a job before making an assignment. They should consider training, experience, physical condition, and psycho-physiological state,(for example, fatigue, haste, excessive motivation, overconfidence, effects of alcohol/drugs.)

Table B-6
Recommendations/controls/corrective actions/countermeasures—Continued

Code: 05	
Keyword/explanation:	Inform personnel of problems and remedies. This recommendation should be used when it is necessary to relay accident-related information to people at unit, installation, Army Command (ACOM), or DA levels.
Code: 06	
Keyword/explanation:	Positive command action. The purpose of this corrective action is to recommend that the supervisor take action to encourage proper performance and discourage improper performance by the personnel.
Code: 07	
Keyword/explanation:	Provide personnel resources required for the job. This recommendation is intended to prevent an accident caused by not enough qualified people being assigned to perform the job safely.
Code: 08	
Keyword/Explanation:	Redesign (or provide) equipment or materiel. This recommendation is made when equipment or materiel caused or contributed to an accident because: a. The required equipment or materiel was not available. b. The equipment or materiel used was not properly designed.
Code: 09	
Keyword/explanation:	Improve (or provide) facilities or services. This recommendation is made when facilities or services lead to an accident because— a. The required facilities or services were not available. b. The facilities or services used were inadequate.
Code: 10	
Keyword/explanation:	Improve quality control. This recommendation is directed primarily toward the improvement of training, manufacturing, and maintenance operations where poor quality products (personnel or materiel) have led to accidents.
Code: 11	
Keyword/explanation:	Perform studies to get solutions to root cause. This recommendation should be made when corrective actions cannot be determined without special study. Such studies can range from informal efforts at unit level to highly technical research projects performed by DA-level agencies.