

## PREFACE

Aviation maintenance activities are organized to provide the battlefield commander with the maximum number of safe, mission-capable aircraft. These activities must be dedicated to fast, continuous, and reliable aviation maintenance support in the highly mobile, integrated battlefield expected in future combat.

Each aviation unit is responsible for performing aviation unit maintenance (AVUM) on its assigned aircraft. Divisional and nondivisional aviation intermediate maintenance (AVIM) units provide a single level of support maintenance between unit and depot levels. Divisional AVIM units provide support for aircraft assigned to the division. Nondivisional AVIM units are deployed on an area basis and assigned to the corps support command (COSCOM) or the theater army area command (TAACOM), based on aircraft density.

This manual provides doctrinal guidance concerning aviation maintenance organizations and functions. It is designed for use by commanders and their staffs, small-unit leaders, and technicians who have an aviation maintenance responsibility. For simplicity, forward support battalions and main support battalions are referred to throughout the manual. Supply and transportation battalions in the air assault and airborne divisions operate similarly unless otherwise stated.

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