

## TARPAULINS

### 1. GENERAL

1.01 Tarpaulins of the portable type are used to protect telephone equipment and in some cases other important apparatus or records from possible damage from water due to roof or plumbing leaks or other emergency conditions. They should not be used in an effort to smother incipient fires.

1.02 This section is reissued to specify the use of an improved type portable tarpaulin as recommended in P.E.L. 5939. The new tarpaulin can be stored in the present tarpaulin container. It is suggested that consideration be given to the replacement by the improved type tarpaulin of all tarpaulins of the KS-5143 type which have been in service ten years, or earlier where warranted.

1.03 For operation and maintenance application this section is dually numbered and the same issue number is assigned for uniformity.

1.04 Arrows are used to indicate changes in the text.

### 2. DESCRIPTION

2.01 The KS-15648 List 3 Portable Tarpaulin, described in P.E.L. 5939, is waterproof and flame-retardant. It is approximately 5 feet 10 inches wide by 12 feet long, and is designed for emergency use in telephone offices. The tarpaulin material consists of nylon cloth having a gray-colored coating of polymer or copolymer polyvinyl chloride resin with the hem and center seam electronically sealed. This material is reasonably pliable so that the tarpaulin may be draped over delicate apparatus without danger of damaging the apparatus. The tarpaulin is equipped with grommets in the hem so that it may be tied in position with tie cords when in use. Six tie cords 2 feet 9 inches long are furnished with each tarpaulin and they are stored between the folds when the tarpaulin is in the container.

2.02 Portable tarpaulins are not of sufficient size to protect entire pieces of large equipment (such as a switchboard) from a fire hose or major plumbing break. They are intended to temporarily cover portions of any equipment or apparatus which are threatened from leaking roofs, defective plumbing, etc.

### 3. MOUNTING

3.01 Portable tarpaulins should be stored two in each sheet metal container provided for the purpose, and this container should be mounted without brackets, as shown in Fig. 1.

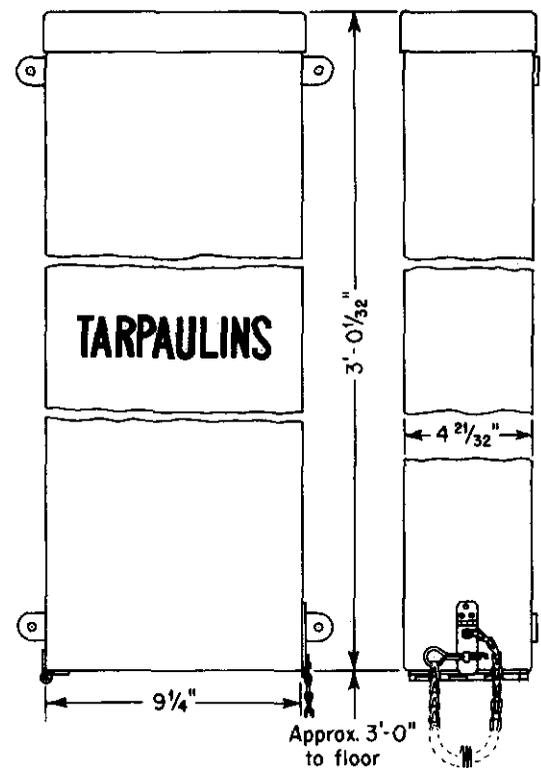


Fig. 1

**4. METHOD OF USING**

**4.01** To use the portable tarpaulins, proceed as follows:

- (1) Remove one or both tarpaulins from the container and carry to the required location.
- (2) Place tarpaulin over equipment to be protected and, if necessary, secure it in place using eyelets provided in the hem and the tie cords folded with the tarpaulin.

(3) Provide arrangements for taking care of water leakage.

(4) After emergency has passed, dry tarpaulins thoroughly and return to container. Tarpaulins should not be dried over radiators or gas heaters.

**5. MAINTENANCE**

**5.01** Maintenance of and folding instructions → for tarpaulins are covered in Section →H54.610 (H44.210).