



Unitized Group Ration (UGR)



What's the most efficient way to get breakfast, lunch and dinner to large groups of soldiers around the world? 50 complete meals are packed together in the UGR (Unitized Group Ration).

Why Is It Needed?:

The UGR is a simple, streamlined way of providing the highest quality group meals to soldiers in the field, wherever organized food service is possible.

How It Works:

The UGR offers seven breakfast menus and 14 lunch/dinner menus. Three options are available:

	HEAT & SERVE (UGR-H&S)	A-RATION (UGR-A)	B-RATION (UGR-B)*
COMPONENTS:	Shelf stable, ready-to-eat entrees, starches and desserts. Ready-to-use commercial products. Disposables (cups, trays etc)	Perishable/frozen entrees Quick-to-prepare or ready-to-use commercial products Disposables (cups, trays, etc.)	Quick & easy to prepare Includes shelf stable ingredients to prepare complete meal emphasizing the use of commercial products Disposables (cups, trays, etc.)
CONFIGURATION:	Unitized into three boxes	Unitized into two semiperishable boxes plus frozen components	Unitized into three boxes
ASSEMBLY:	Assembly at government depots	Build-to-order, with direct vendor delivery	Assemble at government depots
SHELF LIFE:	18 months at 80° F	3 to 6 months for perishable portion	18 months at 80° F.

** The UGR-B will be fielded in the fall of 2004.*

Further enhancements to the UGR include:

- **The Medical Diet Supplement...**This supplement contains medically unique components to sustain patients in Armed Forces medical treatment facilities in the field.
- **The Arctic Supplement...**With these additional snacks and hot beverages, soldiers are provided with the additional calories and fluids required in cold environments.
- **The Fielded Group Ration Improvement Program...**This is an ongoing program to increase variety, enhance acceptability, increase consumption and improve nutritional intake. Among our recent efforts: developing a polymeric tray to replace the metal "traycan", expanding the number and variety of menus and replacing the Unitized B Ration with the UGR-B. The UGR-B will significantly reduce the number of military unique components.

Benefits:

Rapid Response...Quick and seamless ordering process.

Ongoing Improvements...Working to make rations more user-friendly, appealing and nutritious.

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