
*** MONOGRAPH: FPS/GP 04**

ITEM: Shortbread Bar , Compressed (45 gm)

ITEM SPECIFICATION: MIL-S-44463

NSN: 8920-01-369-1435 (SHB) (Primary)

APPROXIMATE CALORIC VALUE: 261 kilocalories

CHARACTERISTICS:

APPEARANCE:

3" x 1" rectangular, compact bar; tan, brown, golden mottled colors, dull chroma.

ODOR:

Butter/shortening, toasted/browned wheat flour, sweet, fried dough, slight nut, brown sugar.

FLAVOR:

Moderately sweet, shortening/butter/oil, browned/toasted wheat, low salt, shortbread.

TEXTURE:

Easy bite, slightly brittle, crumbles on chew, chews down to a creamy bolus, slight grainy/gritty.

POSSIBLE DETERIORATIVE CHANGES:

APPEARANCE:

Pale, raw/undercooked cookie dough or dark brown/black areas, excessive crumbling.

ODOR:

Rancid, old shortening (painty, cardboard, soapy, stale), old wheat flour, raw note, low butter/shortening, scorched.

FLAVOR:

Rancid, old shortening (painty, cardboard, soapy, stale), old wheat flour, raw/uncooked dough, low butter, scorched, less sweet.

TEXTURE:

Excessive crumbling or firmness, hard bite, crystallized, excessively chewy, pasty.

***SPECIAL NOTES:**

Check odor on just opened package for best evaluation of quality. Check for vacuum packaging. Crumbling may occur during excess handling.