

Scooting for Dollars – DDJC Improving Equipment Management

DDJC INTRODUCES A MORE ECONOMICAL MEANS FOR GETTING AROUND THE DISTRIBUTION CENTER

To save money, reduce pieces of equipment, and increase equipment utilization, Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, California (DDJC) is replacing General Services Administration (GSA) leased vehicles with Global Electric Motorcars (GEM) Scooters for intra-depot transportation.

“The GEM Scooter will go practically anywhere,” said COL Ed Visker, USA, Commander, DDJC. “Because it can go from the street inside our warehouse areas, it is very versatile.”

The Scooter is a multi-purpose, environmentally responsible electric vehicle engineered for both street and turf. There are no exhaust emissions and the GEM is quiet and quick. The

GEM has a modular accessory pack for storage and can seat one to four passengers. It will drive in turf mode at around 5 mph or in road mode at street speeds of up to 25 mph.

The GEM is equipped with safety glass windshield, windshield wiper, three-point anchored seatbelts, headlights, brake lights, and turn signals. It plugs into a 110 outlet and is fully recharged in 6–8 hours.

The five-year cost savings to replace GSA vehicles with the GEM Scooters is more than \$10,000 per vehicle. Over a five-year period, DDJC will save more than \$150,000 by using GEM scooters.

DDJC’s J-6 has a fleet of eight Gem scooters to provide Information Operations support to the 448-acre site in Tracy.



⤴ Loading items onto the bed of a Gem cart is Charlie Moebiu, a Computer Assistant.

Walt White, a Information Technology Specialist, fastens his seat belt. ⇨

Valerie DuPuich, a Computer Assistant, is in the middle Gem cart. ⤵

