

DS2 DOs and DON'Ts

Dear Editor,

Your article on Pages 54–55 in PS 566 (Jan 00) made some good points about DS2, but you left out a couple:

- Any time you deal with leaking DS2 containers, you should wear chemical protective gloves and your M40 mask. DS2 and its fumes can injure your skin and your lungs.
- Do not store DS2 with 5TB, and do not store it in temperatures above 160° F or near open flames. That creates a fire hazard.

When dealing with DS2, never take shortcuts with protective equipment or storage.

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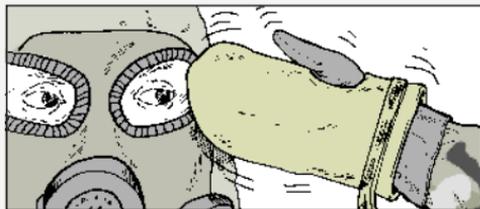
M40-Series, M42-Series Masks . . .

Decon Kits OK for Masks

Dear Half-Mast,

Is it OK to use the M291 and M295 individual decon kits on the M40 and M42 masks? We've heard that chemicals in the kits' wipes could harm the masks.

Captain J.G.



Dear Captain J.G.,

Both the M291 and M295 decon kits should be used to decon all your equipment, including your mask. Use the M291 on the inside of the mask facepiece and the M295 on the rest of the mask and hood. See TM 3-4230-235-10 and TM 3-4230-229-10 for more info on the decon kits.

Half-Mast