



IT'S A DIRTY BUSINESS

After a few days in the field, you and dirt become real close companions. There's dirt in your hair, on your face, and under your nails. It gets ground into your uniform. You can taste it in your meals. After a while, you begin to forget what clean feels like.

As rough as that is for you, dirt is even rougher on your equipment. Unlike you, though, your gear can't wait for that Saturday night bath. You gotta keep it as clean as you can now or it won't work later.

First, try to operate your equipment where less dirt will be stirred up. For example, don't run a generator in the dust when you can put it up on a trailer or on dunnage.

Second, make sure the air filters on engines and electronic equipment are clean enough to let in the air they need to operate. A choked-up air filter will kill even the toughest equipment.

The same goes for choked-up fuel filters. So when you fuel up equipment, for instance, do all you can to keep dirt out of fuel tanks.

Let's face it. It's a dirty world out there and you can't always keep a show room finish on your gear. But you can do everything possible to minimize the effects of dirt on operations. That's just good PM.