

# DIG WITH THIS P.M



An entrenching tool that can't dig a hole leaves you in a hole. That's a wholly bad situation on the battlefield. The most important thing to remember about your entrenching tool is that it should be used only for cutting and digging. Using it as a hammer dulls the blade and makes cutting difficult. If you use it as a pry bar, it bends the tool and you can't fold it up.

Another no-no is jumping or standing on the handle. The tool isn't like a standard shovel. It can break under that kind of strain.

Cleaning and lubing the tool helps it do its job. Dirt and corrosion dull the blade and make the tool hard to fold. Wipe dirt off the blade when you're through digging. Sandpaper or a wire brush are good for rubbing off corrosion. Lube the locking nut threads with CLP when the nut is hard to turn.

Make sure the locking nut holds the blade tight. If it doesn't, get your tool replaced.

Check that the tube hole at the blade hinge point isn't worn. If it is, you need a new insert, NSN 5120-01-279-6396.

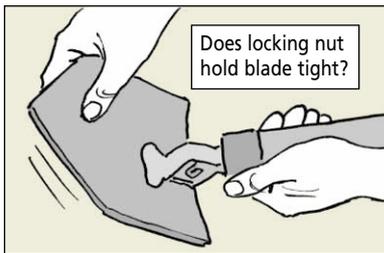


Don't use tool as hammer or pry bar

STOP!  
YER KILLIN'  
ME!



Wipe dirt off blade when done digging



Does locking nut hold blade tight?

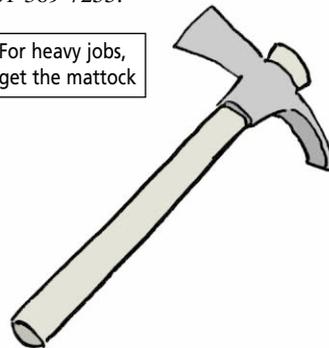
To install the insert:

1. Remove the blade.
2. Push the insert into the handle's tube.
3. Replace the blade.

Get a replacement entrenching tool carrier with NSN 8465-00-001-6474.

If you know your missions will require heavy-duty digging, it's a good idea to get a mattock, NSN 5120-01-363-3690. It's a hardened-steel cutting and digging tool. The mattock comes with its own carrier. A replacement mattock handle comes with NSN 5120-01-369-5629 and replacement carrier with NSN 5140-01-369-7255.

For heavy jobs, get the mattock



I GOT CARRIED AWAY DIGGING MY HOLE!