

WHAT'S YOUR REASON?



Reason #1

You never know what effect an off-the-shelf cleaner or solvent will have on your equipment. Many biodegradable solvents are water-based and can cause pitting and corrosion. Some cleaners may remove your equipment's protective finish.

Sure, a few off-the-shelf cleaners and solvents have been approved for use. But just because a cleaner is okay to use on TACOM equipment doesn't mean it's been okayed for use on AMCOM or CECOM equipment. Check it out first.

Your best bet is to use the cleaners and solvents called for in your equipment TMs. Those cleaners are specifically designed for your equipment and won't cause unintended problems.

Reason #2

Some off-the-shelf cleaners and solvents contain chemicals your installation is not permitted to use. The wastewater treatment plant may not be set up to remove these chemicals and water contamination is the result.

Get approval from your local environmental coordinator first. He'll know if there are any state or local environmental concerns with using the product.

Finally, make sure you have a material safety data sheet (MSDS) for the cleaner or solvent. You must have this on hand if you are going to use the product.