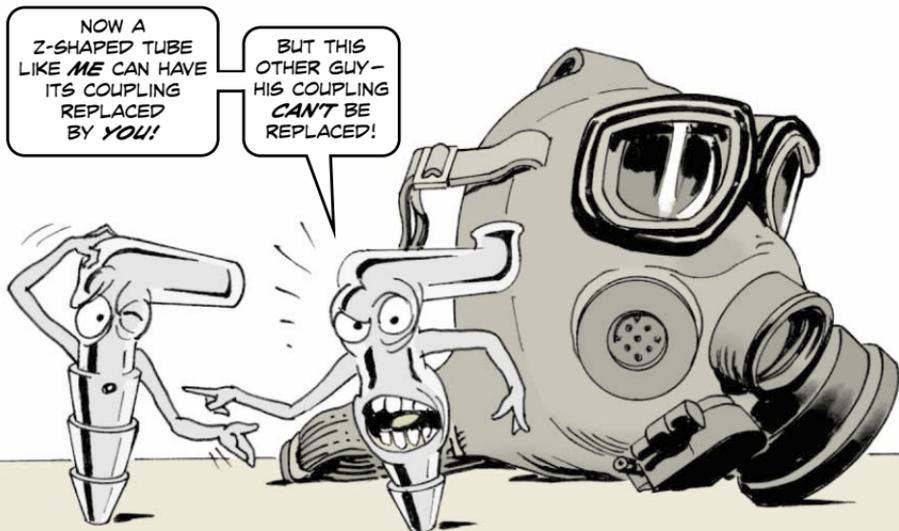


# Drink Tubes Not All the Same



Listen up, NBC NCOs. Internal drink tubes and their couplings for the M40/M42-series masks are not all the same. Some drink tube couplings can be replaced by you, but others can't. So it's important to know which kind you've got.

The new drink tube looks like a stretched Z—it has 2 bends. The old tube has only one bend.

The new drink tube, NSN 4240-01-441-0557, can be used only with the new drink tube coupling, NSN 4240-01-462-0045. If the new tube disappears or its coupling is damaged, you can replace them with the procedures that begin on Page 2-54 of TM 3-4240-346-20&P.

But if the old drink tube coupling is damaged, the whole facepiece must be turned in for replacement.

The old coupling has a squared base and points upward toward the front voicemitter and nose cup ridge. The new coupling is straight and points out of the facepiece.

Don't try to use the new drink tube with the old coupling or vice versa. That puts the drink tube in the wrong position for drinking.

