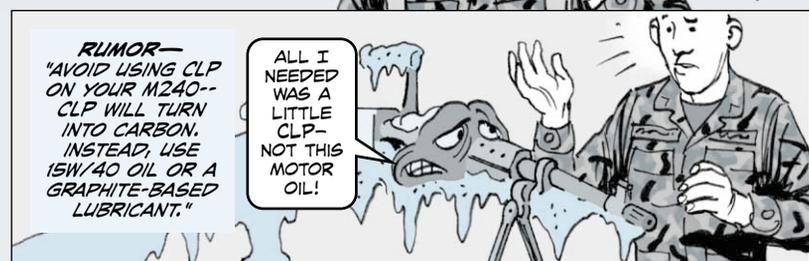


# BETTER WAYS TO CLEAN AND LUBE? NO WAY!



REPORTS ARE COMING BACK FROM SOLDIERS FIGHTING IN IRAQ THAT THEY HAVE FOUND BETTER WAYS TO CLEAN AND LUBE THEIR M240 MACHINE GUNS.

HERE'S WHAT IS BEING SAID AND, **MORE IMPORTANTLY,** THE FACTS...

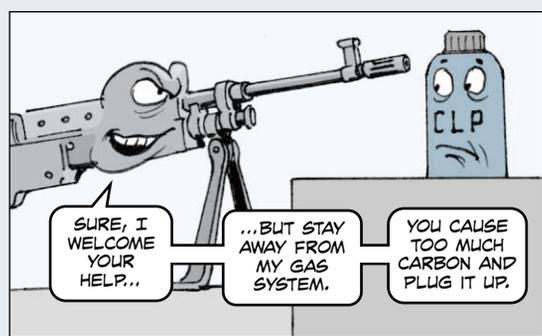


**RUMOR—**  
"AVOID USING CLP ON YOUR M240-- CLP WILL TURN INTO CARBON. INSTEAD, USE 15W/40 OIL OR A GRAPHITE-BASED LUBRICANT."

ALL I NEEDED WAS A LITTLE CLP-- NOT THIS MOTOR OIL!

**Fact—**Graphite will eat up and destroy aluminum and other alloys. Motor oil is for your car, not your gun. It hardens and makes a mess of your gun. CLP, LSA-T, or LAW are what TM 9-1005-313-10 says to use for lubing and that's what you should use. Anything else either won't adequately lube moving parts or could damage the gun.

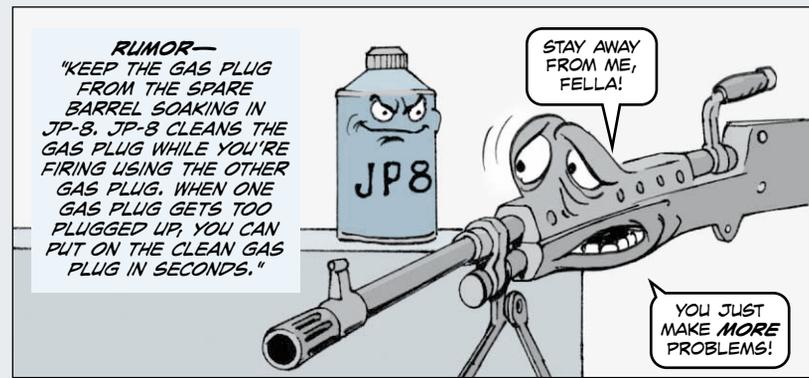
Of course, you don't want to get CLP or any lube in the gas system where it will quickly turn to carbon and plug up the gas regulator and plug. The gas system needs **no** lubing, so keep all lubricants away from the regulator and plug.



SURE, I WELCOME YOUR HELP..

...BUT STAY AWAY FROM MY GAS SYSTEM.

YOU CAUSE TOO MUCH CARBON AND PLUG IT UP.



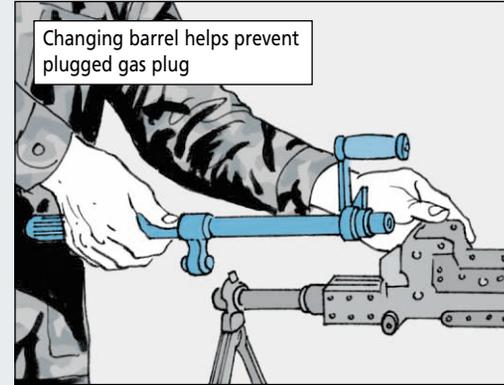
**RUMOR—**  
"KEEP THE GAS PLUG FROM THE SPARE BARREL SOAKING IN JP-8. JP-8 CLEANS THE GAS PLUG WHILE YOU'RE FIRING USING THE OTHER GAS PLUG. WHEN ONE GAS PLUG GETS TOO PLUGGED UP, YOU CAN PUT ON THE CLEAN GAS PLUG IN SECONDS."

STAY AWAY FROM ME, FELLA!

YOU JUST MAKE MORE PROBLEMS!

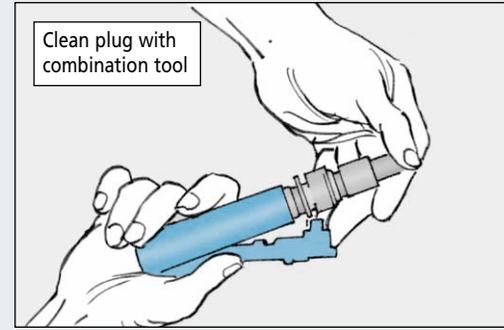
**Fact—**Soaking the gas plug in JP-8 and then using the plug without thoroughly rinsing off the JP-8 and letting the plug totally dry will make carbon buildup even more of a problem and could actually damage your M240.

Changing the barrel when you're supposed to will help keep the gas plug from plugging up quickly. Firing and firing with the same barrel ruins the barrel and plugs up the gas system. If possible, change the barrel every 10 minutes during sustained fire (100 rounds per minute) and every two minutes during rapid fire (200 rounds per minute) like TM 9-1005-313-10 says.



Changing barrel helps prevent plugged gas plug

Clean the gas plug with your combination tool the way TM 9-1005-313-10 shows. Remember, the sooner you clean the gas plug after firing, the easier it is to clean off the carbon. Your armorer is authorized to use dry cleaning solvent, NSN 6850-01-474-2319, to clean the gas plug if necessary.



Clean plug with combination tool

## Firing in the Desert

THE RULES FOR ALL SMALL ARMS IN THE DESERT ARE...



- Lightly lube internal moving parts only. Put a VERY LIGHT coat on inner rails and on op rod bearing surfaces.
- Clean the gun often, paying special attention to moving parts.
- Keep the gun covered as much as possible.
- Wipe sand off ammo. Keep the ammo covered as much as possible.

Clean often!



Keep covered!



FOLLOWING THESE FOUR RULES WILL HELP YOUR GUN MUCH MORE THAN USING *MIRACLE* CLEANING AND LUBING SUGGESTIONS.