

TWO MASK PUTS INSIDE-OUT



Some soldiers think they can get their masks really clean by turning them inside-out to clean the insides. That does make for easier cleaning, but it also damages the mask. So you end up with a very clean mask that may be worthless.

Cleaning your M40/M42 mask is pretty simple, so keep it simple. Remove the hood, outserts, outlet valve cover and canister. Dip cheesecloth in clean water mixed with the liquid soap your NBC NCO should have on hand. Wring the cloth almost dry. Use the cloth to clean out all dirt inside and outside the facepiece. If necessary, use the soft brush that's part of the cleaning kit. If grease or oil are on the facepiece, clean it off with isopropyl alcohol.

After you're through cleaning, dip a clean cheesecloth in clean water and wring it almost dry. Then wipe all the soap out with the cloth.



Either wipe the mask with a dry cloth or let it air dry for 24 hours. Make sure the mask is completely dry before you stow it.

