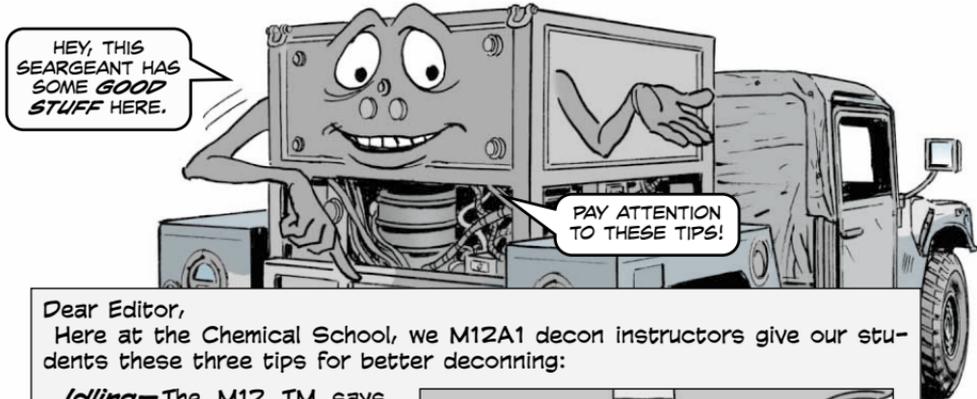


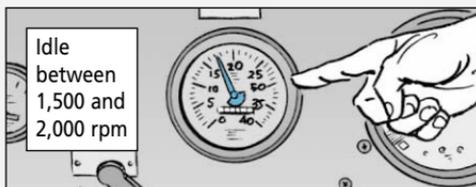
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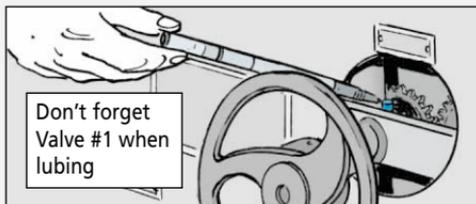
Dear Editor,

Here at the Chemical School, we M12A1 decon instructors give our students these three tips for better deconning:

Idling—The M12 TM says to idle down the decon for at least 15 minutes at shutdown so it can cool down. But it doesn't say at what rpm. We've found 1,500 to 2,000 rpm is the best idling range. If it's lower, the engine will stall.



Lubing—When you're doing your quarterly lubing according to LO 3-4230-209-10, make extra sure to hit Valve #1 with GAA. We've found the valve breaks if it doesn't get regular lubing. Anytime #1 turns hard, give it a shot of GAA. In fact, do that with any of the four valves.



Diesel—If you have an M12 with the new diesel engine, remember it has different idling and operating rpm requirements than the gas engine. See TM 3-4230-237-10, the TM for the diesel M12, for details.



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(Editor's note: You're sure not conning us with those excellent decon suggestions, Sergeant. Thanks for sharing.)