

New Hat, Same PM



AS ANY OLD SOLDIER WILL TELL YOU, SERVE LONG ENOUGH AND YOU'LL SEE ALL KINDS OF CHANGES TO EQUIPMENT...



UPGRADES... MWOS... NEW MODELS... NEW ENGINEERING... YOU NAME IT.



HE'LL ALSO TELL YOU ONE OTHER THING...



ALTHOUGH EQUIPMENT CHANGES...

...PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE REMAINS FOREVER.



TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NEW HEADGEAR CALLED THE ADVANCED COMBAT HELMET (ACH).



IT'S REPLACING THE OLD PASGT KEVLAR HELMET.



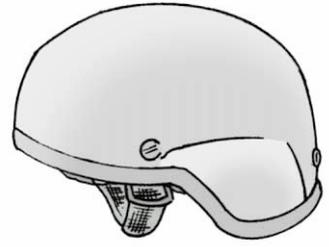
THE ACH MAY BE THE NEWEST DESIGN WITH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY, BUT IT STILL NEEDS PM, SAME AS THE OLD KEVLAR POT.

Inspect

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO CARE FOR THE ACH...



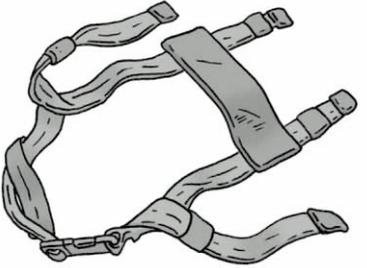
- Look over the helmet for gouges, cracks or scrapes that go below the paint surface. See if the edging is loose, split or cut.



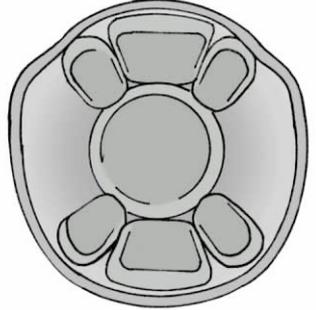
- Look at the chin strap. Is the hardware worn, cracked, loose or missing?



- Inspect the chin strap webbing for cuts, tears or ripped stitching.



- Look for damage to the pads. If the outer fabric is torn and the inner foam exposed, replace the pad.



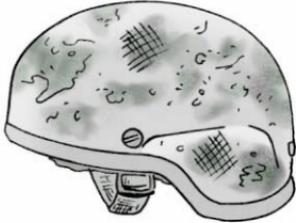
- If you find anything you can't fix, take it to unit maintenance for repair. They can replace the chin strap webbing, hardware and pads. They can also repair minor cracks, scrapes, pitting and chipped areas.

• For a more thorough look at PM for your ACH, see the preventive maintenance checks and services in TM 10-8470-204-10, 31 May 2004. The TM also lists repair part NSNs.



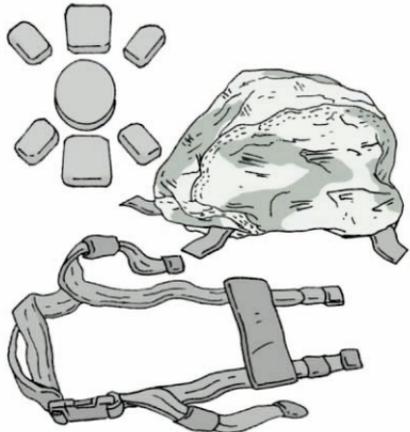
Clean

DIRTY, DUSTY, GREASY AND GRIMY. THAT'S YOUR **HELMET** INSIDE AND OUT AFTER A FEW WEEKS IN THE FIELD.

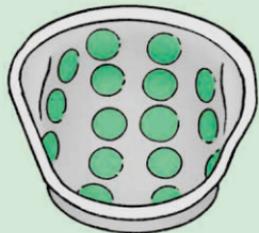


- Unthread the chin strap webbing from the ladder locks. Remove the suspension pads from the inside of the helmet shell. Take off the helmet cover.
- Machine wash the chin strap, pads and cover in the gentle cycle with cold water and detergent.
- You can also scrub them by hand with cold water and detergent. If you like, let them soak for 10 or 15 minutes before washing. Frequent washing helps prevent pad odor. It also makes the chin strap more comfortable to wear and easier to adjust.
- Rinse them thoroughly with clean water and let them air dry. Do not machine dry. You could shrink the fabric or damage the pads.
- Wash the ACH shell the same way, with cold water and detergent. Then rinse it with clean water and let it air dry.
- Use a small nail brush or toothbrush to clean dirt and debris from the hook disks on the inside of the shell. Keeping the hooks and loops clean helps the pads stick.

Machine or handwash chin strap, cover and pads



Clean hook disks to keep pads sticking



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