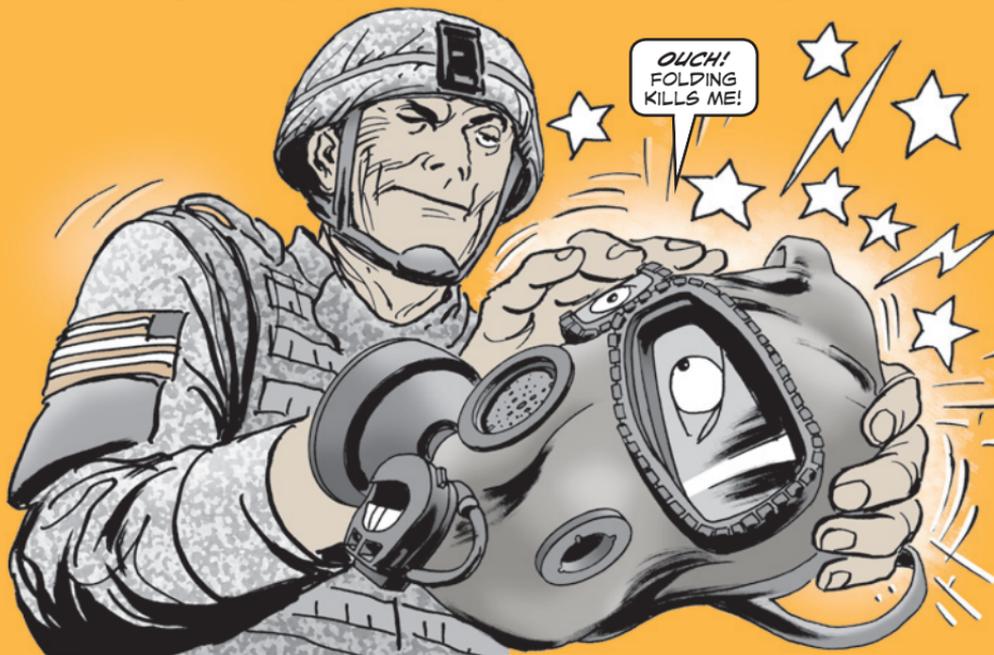


Please *Don't* Fold



If you do nothing else for your M40- or M42-series masks, follow this rule: **Do not fold.**

Folding a mask to put it in its carrier usually results in the drink tube being sheared off or the facepiece being punctured. That leaves the mask NMC and cracked.

Folding also causes deformation of the facepiece and scratched and cracked eyelenses. And folding isn't a rare problem. NBC NCOs tell PS that they think as many as 50 percent of masks are stored folded.

So NBC NCOs should stress to their unit at every opportunity not to fold masks. And while you're at it, tell them not to use the mask carrier as a seat cushion or pillow and not to use the carrier to store stuff other than the mask.

When you sit or lie on the carrier, the mask will be damaged. Same thing happens when you stuff extra stuff in the carrier. The carrier is not meant to hold anything other than the mask and its accessories. Shoving extra stuff in the carrier pretty much guarantees the mask won't survive a trip to the field.

If masks aren't being used in training or combat, the best place for them is in the NBC room. Masks will survive better hung on a wall than lying at the bottom of a closet or car trunk.

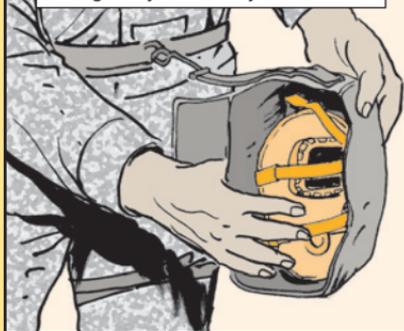
HERE'S
HOW TO
STORE
MASKS
RIGHT...



M40

Stow the M40 upright in the carrier with the eyelenses facing away from your body. Do not store a canister in the face cavity. **Do not fold the mask.**

Store masks upright with eyelenses facing away from body



Never use an M42 carrier with an M40 mask. The larger M42 carrier could let the M40 mask twist itself out of position and get damaged.

M42 carrier is too large for M40



M42

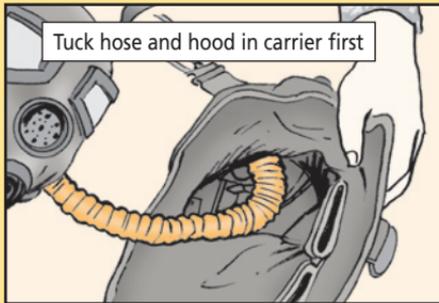


M40

M42

1. Stick the canister in the carrier first with the armor quick disconnect coupling completely through the carrier's side opening.
2. Tuck as much as possible of the hose and hood into the carrier.

Tuck hose and hood in carrier first

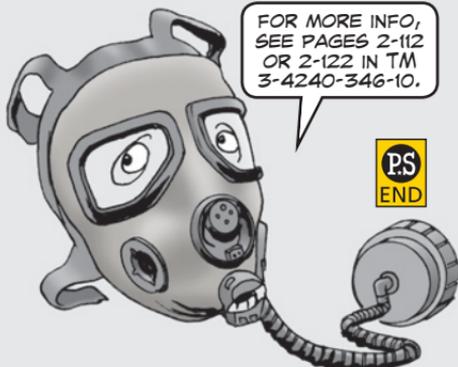


3. Fold the rest of the hose inside the facepiece.
4. Put the mask in the carrier upright with the eyelenses facing away from your body. **Do not fold the mask.**

Mask upright,
lenses facing
away?



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