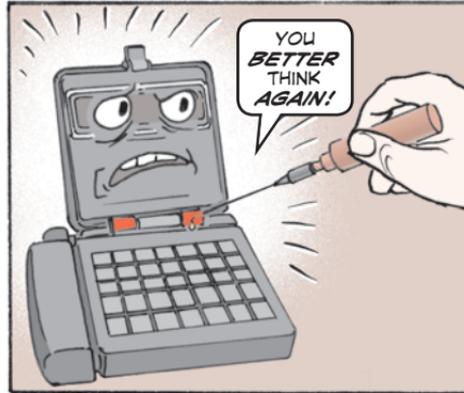
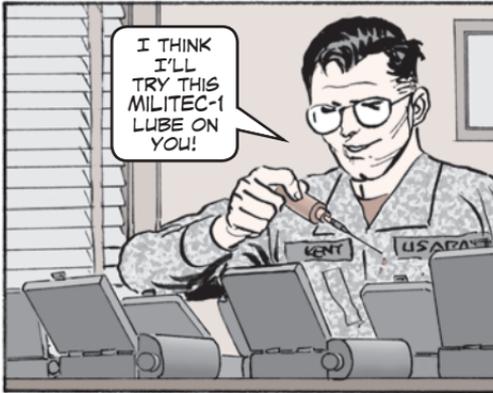


A LUBE NOT TO USE



Dear Editor,

For years, we have added a drop or two of cleaner, lubricant, preservative, (CLP) to the hinges of our data transfer devices (DTD). This dramatically increased the life of the hinges.

Recently, we've seen MILITEC-1, NSN 9150-01-415-9114, being used on weapons. So, I replaced the CLP I used on the DTDs with MILITEC-1.

The first time I used it, the next day I found the plastic rear hinge section, NSN 5810-01-350-8386, was fractured and broken.

I guessed I had over-tightened the screws which is a common problem that cracks the hinges and case.

So, I put two new rear hinge sections on the DTD and added just a little bit of residual MILITEC-1 for lubrication. The next morning, I found both the rear hinges were cracked!

After further testing, I believe the problem is a chemical reaction created by the MILITEC-1.

Please spread the word.

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Editor's note: Thank you, Master Sergeant, for the heads up. That's a fact. MILITEC-1 is not an authorized lubricant for weapons either. The jury is still out over this controversy and the debate goes on. Look to future pages of PS to give you the verdict.

In regard to this particular problem, here's the word we want to spread: Tests are being run to see if MSG Harrell is right and there is a problem using MILITEC-1 on DTDs. Until a conclusion is reached, use CLP to lube the hinges and not MILITEC-1. This is just a precaution because DTDs are in short supply. Check with your CECOM LAR to get the latest info on this problem or call DSN 879-6408 or (520) 538-6408.