

Now That's a Plan

THE DICTIONARY DEFINES THE WORD PLAN AS A METHOD OF DOING OR MAKING SOMETHING OR OF ACHIEVING AN END.



Everybody makes plans; it's just human nature. For instance, before you go on a road trip, you first decide on a destination. Then you consult a roadmap, determine what highways to take, make a few motel reservations, maybe even choose some interesting sights to visit along the way.



Or let's say you're building a playhouse for your children. You don't just start nailing boards together willy-nilly. No, first you plan the dimensions. After that come other decisions: figuring the board feet, selecting the type of wood and the correct hardware, choosing the primer and paint.

Plans are important because they provide a direction and a goal.

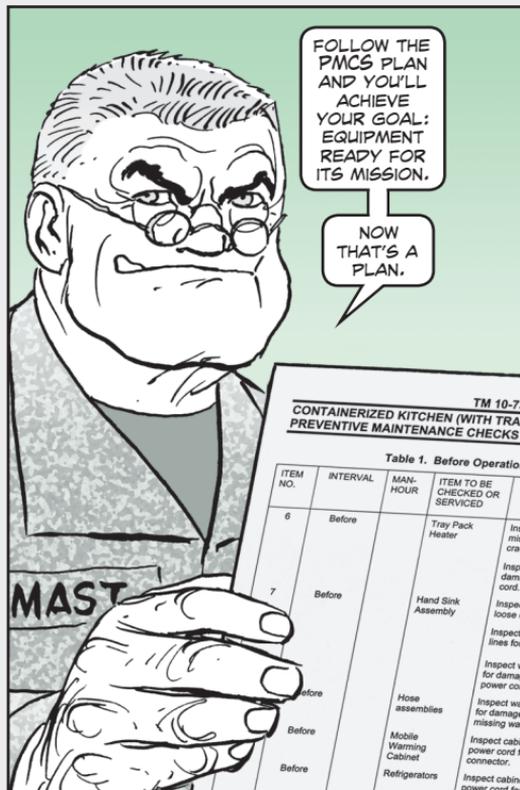
For a soldier maintaining equipment, few plans are as important as Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS). PMCS is a clear, workable plan that guides you step-by-step to achieve one end: keeping your gear in good shape and ready for its mission.

The PMCS table identifies tools and materials. It tells you when to do the checks and services—Before, During or After Operations; or Weekly, Quarterly or Semi-annually. The table lists the items you must check or service. It describes the procedures you must do, such as inspecting, cleaning, tightening or lubing. It tells you what faults will keep your equipment from performing its mission.

In other words, it's all spelled out and planned for you. No guesswork required.

FOLLOW THE PMCS PLAN AND YOU'LL ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL: EQUIPMENT READY FOR ITS MISSION.

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CONTAINERIZED KITCHEN (WITH TRAY PACK)
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS

Table 1. Before Operations

ITEM NO.	INTERVAL	MAN-HOUR	ITEM TO BE CHECKED OR SERVICED	
6	Before		Tray Pack Heater	Inspect for loose connections. Inspect damage to cord.
7	Before		Hand Sink Assembly	Inspect for loose lines for water.
	Before		Hose assemblies	Inspect water hoses for damage, missing washers.
	Before		Mobile Warming Cabinet	Inspect cabinet power cord for loose connections.
	Before		Refrigerators	Inspect cabinet power cord for loose connections.