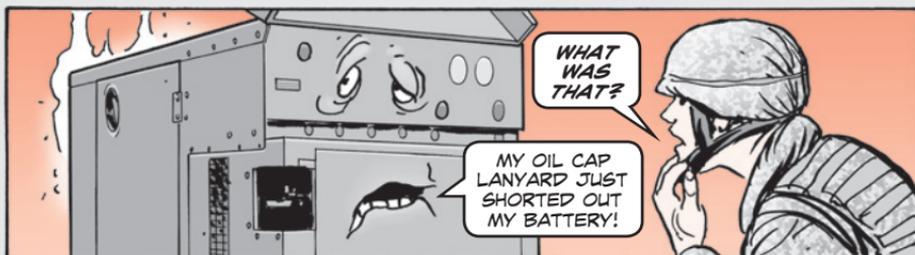
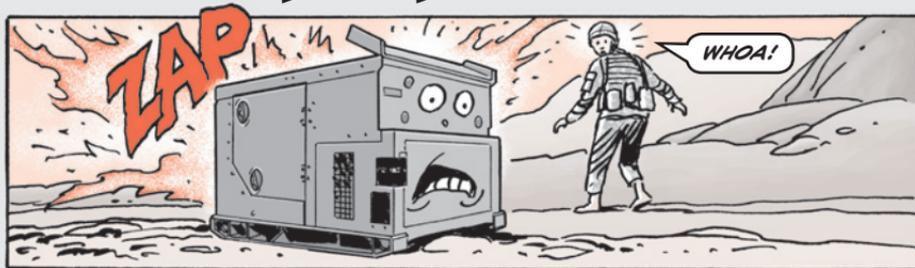


Keep Cap on Short Leash



Dear Editor,

The crankcase oil cap on 5- and 10-KW TQG generators is held in place with a lanyard made of metal chain. The lanyard is there to keep the oil cap from getting lost.

However, on some generators, the lanyard is too long. In those cases, the chain hangs down far enough to contact the battery terminal and cause a short.

The fix is simple. Just take a few links out of the chain to shorten it. Make sure you leave the lanyard long enough to still be able to remove the oil cap.



SGT Philip Nagales
226 Maint Co
Ft Sill, OK

Editor's note: Looks like you brought that problem up short. Just be careful that you don't shorten the lanyard too much. It can take three or four revolutions to remove the oil cap. That twists up the chain and shortens it even more.

An even better solution is to make sure the battery posts have terminal covers, NSN 5940-00-738-6272, in place. Then install a plastic cover, NSN 6160-01-420-8960, over the entire battery. With all three covers in place, even a long lanyard will be less likely to cause a short.