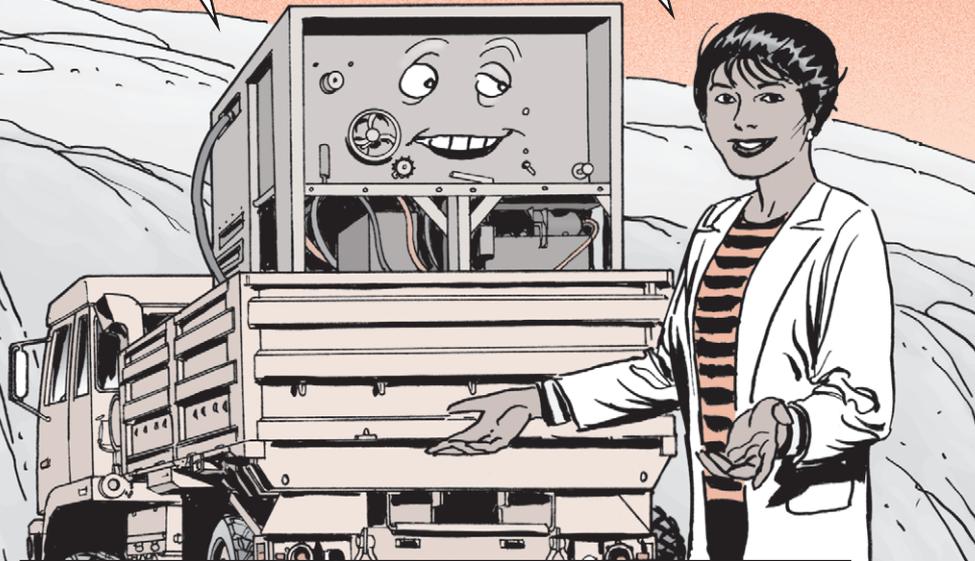


Deconning Made Easy

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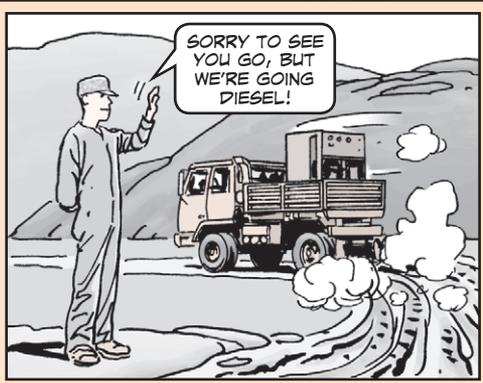
DECONNING WITH YOUR M12A1 DECON WILL BE SO MUCH EASIER IF YOU REMEMBER THESE POINTERS...



Do you have gas? You should have traded in your old gas-powered M12A1 by now for a new diesel one. If you still have the gas version, the Army wants to know about it. Please contact TACOM-SBC's at DSN 793-5536, (309) 782-5536, or email

@conus.army.mil

He will provide disposition and shipping instructions for your M12.



Diesel differences. The diesel model has differences from the gas model that you need to remember. With the diesel version, you don't need to remove all the engine compartment panels. Just the back one will do. But don't forget to open it for operation. Otherwise the exhaust has no place to go.

Changing the oil is much easier with the diesel model, so now you don't have a good excuse for not doing it. Change the engine oil after the first 20 hours of operation or at the end of the first month after you receive the M12. After that, change the oil every 200 hours of operation or annually, whichever comes first. The oil from the diesel drains slowly and it may take two hours to completely drain it. Use the dipstick to check the oil levels when draining and filling.

Valves and such. The set-screws for the four valves often work loose (or are left off at maintenance). That makes the valve difficult—or impossible—to turn with the handle and the handle can actually come off. If the valves handles feel loose, tell your repairman. He can tighten or install setscrews.

When you do quarterly lubing, make sure to hit Valve #1 with GAA. If it doesn't get lubed, it often breaks. In fact, if any valve feels stiff, give it a shot of GAA.

Watch the heat! Make sure the heater exhaust is uncovered and that you keeps hoses and electrical cables away from it. The exhaust reaches 200°F, which can melt lots of things, including you. So be careful.

Remember to take off back panel to operate



If valve handle is loose, get set screws checked



If it turns hard, grease it with GAA