

WANTED: COMMON COMMO KILLERS



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BUT
PREVENTABLE!

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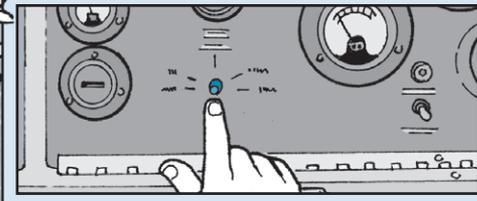
THE BIGGEST
THING YOU
CAN DO IS
**PREVENTIVE
MAINTENANCE.**

THERE ARE
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OF
PROBLEMS
THAT CAN BE
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YOU JUST STAY
UP WITH THE
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EQUIPMENT.

HERE ARE 10
COMMO KILLERS
THAT CAN BE
PREVENTED...

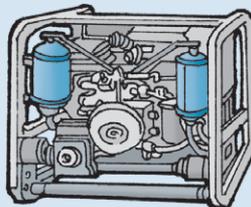


1. Missing parts. Every time a part is missing— even one that may not be essential to operation— a hole is created where sand, dust, dirt and debris can find its way into your equipment. Make sure all your equipment has all its caps, knobs, bells and whistles and that you're Johnny-on-the-spot to replace missing ones.



2. Air filters not clean. You must start your mission with clean filters and you must monitor the filters to ensure they stay clean. Just like a human being, there's a lot in the air your equipment is allergic to.

You must filter it out!



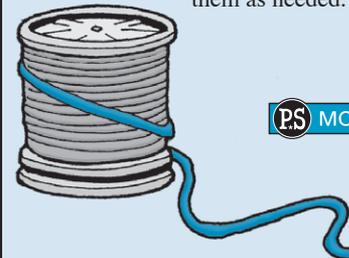
3. Nothing clean. Vacuum it out, sweep it out or blow it out— before, during and after operation. Wipe and brush it off. In the commo world, cleanliness ensures communications.



4. Cables hooked up wrong. Before you pitch one as bad, make sure it's hooked up correctly. Far too many cables can be forced to fit a connector they were not meant to fit.



5. Cables not repaired. Cables don't need frays, breaks, busted connectors, or broken pins. Check 'em out regularly and replace them as needed.



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YOU HAVE ENOUGH ON YOUR MIND IN THE SANDBOX THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT WHETHER YOUR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WILL WORK.

HEAT AND SAND ARE GOING TO DO THEIR DAMAGE, BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE THAT DAMAGE.

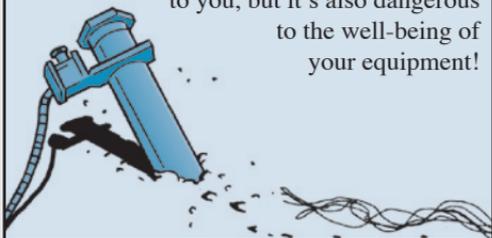


6. Bad switches. Like the ignition on your car, a bad switch can start (or not start) a series of problems.

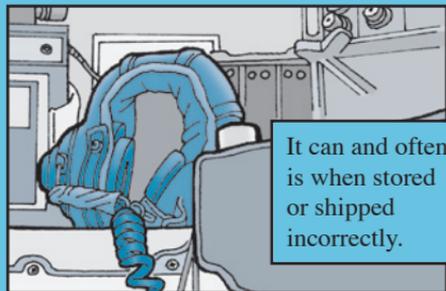


7. Poor grounding. Have you prepared the soil around your ground? Have you driven your ground rods deep enough? Have you used the right grounding wire and the right connection? Have you hooked the ends of the wire correctly and to the right spots?

Poor grounding is not only dangerous to you, but it's also dangerous to the well-being of your equipment!



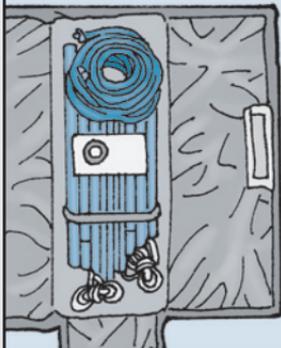
8. Bad storage procedures. Toss it here, toss it there, toss it everywhere—and break things in the process. Just because your equipment is ruggedized, does not mean it can't be damaged.



9. No antenna maintenance.

Just stick it in the air. It's bound to work, right?

Sorry, I can't hear your response.



10. Bad batteries. Yes, replacing them is often easier than maintaining them, but what happens when you run out and the supply well is dry? Battery maintenance is basic and not tough, so do it! If you're not using rechargeables, now's a good time to start.

