

# Pump It Up!

WE WANT TO PUMP YOU UP...

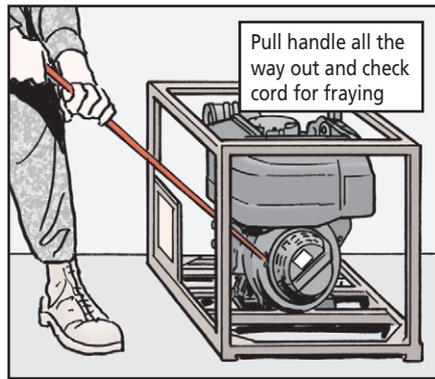
...WITH THESE SUGGESTIONS!

I'M PUMPED! LET'S GO!

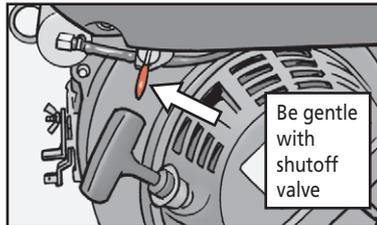
Dear Editor,

Here are a few tips we've come up with at the U.S. Army Chemical School to keep the 125-gpm pump pumped for pumping water:

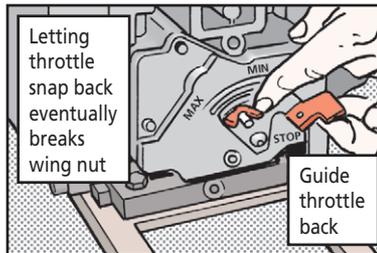
- The item that breaks most often on the pump is its pull handle. Operators yank on the handle (as they must to start it) and the cord snaps off. Before you leave the motor pool, slowly pull the handle all the way out and check the cord for fraying. If the cord's worn out, get it replaced before you go to the field.



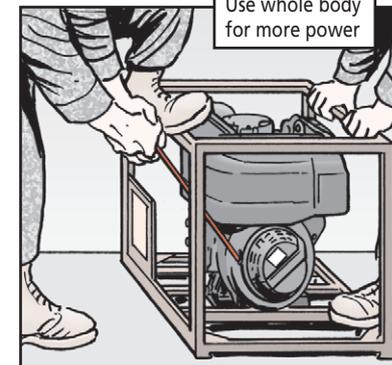
- The fuel shutoff valve and throttle also break if you're not careful. Be gentle when pushing in the shutoff valve. If you jam it, the valve snaps off.



When you release the throttle at the end of operations, don't let it snap back. That eventually causes the wing nut for the throttle to break and then the throttle won't stay in one position. Guide the throttle back into place.



- Short soldiers may have trouble starting the pump because they have difficulty pulling the handle all the way back. It's easier if you put your left foot on the top bar of the frame, grasp the handle with both hands, and then use your body and leg to push off hard as you pull back the handle.



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*Editor's note: Your suggestions will help decon units pump up, Sergeant. Thanks.*

## HARD TO FIT? KEEP YOUR M45!

WELL, I'M MOVING ON TO MY NEW UNIT SO I'M TURNING IN MY MASK.

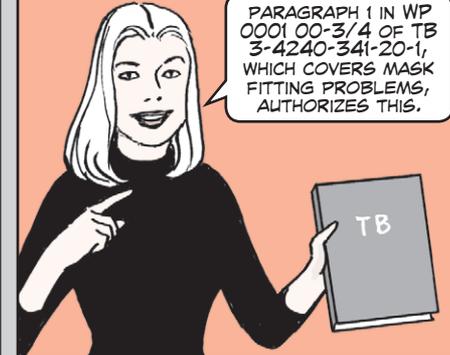
NO, THAT'S THE M45 MASK WE ORDERED SPECIALLY FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE HARD TO FIT.

YOU NEED TO KEEP THAT MASK AS LONG AS YOU'RE IN THE ARMY!



If you must wear an M45 protective mask because you can't fit into an M40 or M42 mask, then you need to keep the M45 when you transfer units.

M40 and M42 masks stay with the unit when a Soldier transfers. But it's a different story with the M45 if it's used for a hard-to-fit Soldier. As long as that Soldier stays in the Army, he should keep that specific M45 mask.



PARAGRAPH 1 IN WP 0001 00-3/4 OF TB 3-4240-341-20-1, WHICH COVERS MASK FITTING PROBLEMS, AUTHORIZES THIS.