

Electronic Warfare...

# A Short Four That Will Pay Off Big!



Dear Editor,

As a member of a deployed electronic warfare section, I see many practices in the field that hurt system health and performance. Here are four quick tips that will help equipment health and performance.

**ONE:** Keep space around systems to allow for good air flow. Heat is an equipment killer and where electronic warfare equipment is often deployed, there's enough heat already. Don't add to it!

**TWO:** Keep metal stuff that's not authorized off the tops of vehicles. Metal interferes with signal strength and quality. Metal, like wire and awnings, should be carried on trailers or stowed in trucks.

**THREE:** Don't pressure wash CREW systems! Parts of electronic warfare systems are subject to water intrusion when the water is shot at them under high pressure. Don't do it!

**FOUR:** Keep antennas free of tape and straps that degrade system performance.

There's nothing difficult about any of these four short tips and the payoff is big.

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*Editor's note: Soldiers, follow these simple tips and use your brainpower to come up with a few more. CREW equipment needs to be functioning at peak performance. Eliminate anything that prevents that from happening.*