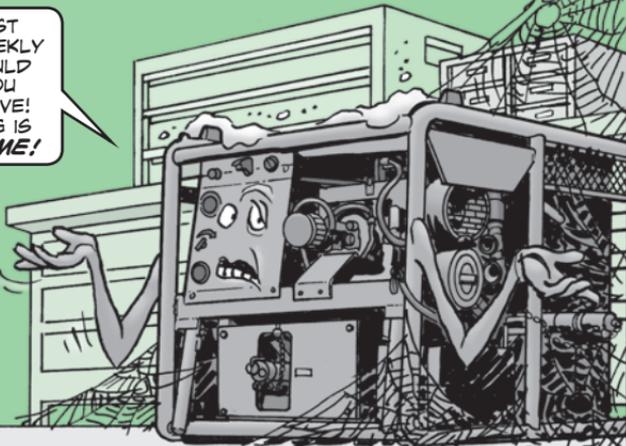


DON'T REST M17 TO DEATH

IF I COULD JUST GET A LITTLE WEEKLY EXERCISE, I COULD DECON LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE! BUT THIS SITTING IS JUST *KILLING ME!*



IN MOST CHEMICAL COMPANIES, THE M17-SERIES DECONS SIT AND SIT AND SIT.

UNFORTUNATELY, YOU CAN REST AN M17 TO DEATH.

HERE'S WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN AN M17 ISN'T RUN REGULARLY...



- Engine parts gum up and can't function when you try to start your M17.
- The gaskets, seals, and hoses begin to dry-rot.
- The pull cord dry-rots from being left reeled up for weeks. Next time you yank on it, SNAP.
- Calcium collects in the pump and plugs it up.

Any of these problems will put your M17 down and require the hassle of ordering new hoses or a pull cord or replacing seals.

That hassle disappears if you just take time during your weekly PMCS to operate the M17 for 15 minutes or so, including hooking up the hoses and running water through them. You've just eliminated many M17 problems.

Here are a few more tips to help your M17 do its job:

If you're going to operate the burner on JP8 or diesel fuel, first run the burner on MOGAS for five minutes. That heats the burner up and helps it fire up on the less combustible JP8 and diesel.

TM 3-4230-228-10 says to turn the burner fuel knob all the way clockwise when you start the burner. Actually, it's often better to turn the knob only 3/4 of a turn clockwise.

