



***Gotta have your TM
to perform good PM!***

Units set themselves up for failure when they don't keep an up-to-date library of TMs for their equipment. Those TMs provide what operators, mechanics, and supply personnel need to know. They tell you how to operate your equipment, guide you through maintenance and troubleshooting and point you to the stock numbers for parts and supplies.

Operators, you may not be mechanics, but the maintenance you pull really does matter. Maybe you've used your equipment's PMCS charts so much that you've got them memorized. But what happens if you're in the field performing maintenance under unusual conditions, such as extreme cold, hot weather, or wet climates? You need your TM to perform good PM.

Operator's manuals contain more than just PMCS charts. They have lubricating, cleaning, inspection and operating instructions, too. And they'll give you the lowdown on equipment characteristics and data, descriptions and use of operator controls.

Bottom line for everyone is, the TM helps you keep equipment mission ready. So whether you're an operator or a mechanic, do a good job with PM by following the guidance in your TM. Otherwise, you'll just be guessing.

If you're not sure which TMs you need, see the article on pages 56-59 of PS 686 (Jan 10). Here's the link to it:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2010/686/686-56-59.pdf>

And if you find problems in your TMs, such as missing NSNs and confusing instructions, send a completed DA Form 2028 to the command responsible for the TM. That tells the command what needs to be fixed.

Eyeball the latest tech manuals online using LOGSA's ETM website:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/index.cfm>