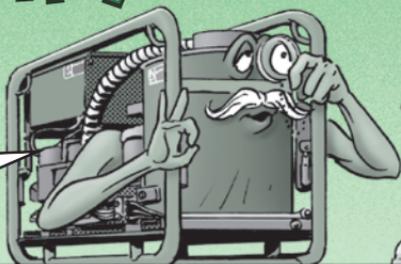


DECONNING THE EASY WAY

THANK YOU
FOR THE
EXCELLENT
PM, MY
GOOD MAN.

THIS
WILL MAKE
DECONNING
SIMPLY
DELIGHTFUL!



Dear Editor,

These tips for operating the M26 decon make deconning so much easier:

- If you need to move the M26, find seven friends. It weighs 600 pounds and it takes eight Soldiers to safely carry it.

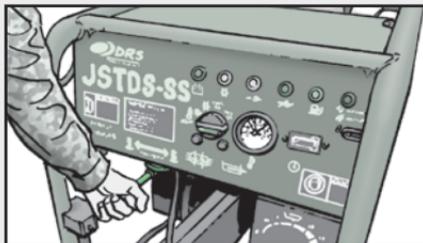
HEY, I'M GOING TO
NEED **SEVEN** OF YOU TO
MOVE THIS BAD BOY!

I **HAVE** PUT
ON A LITTLE
WEIGHT.

THANKS FOR
GETTING THE
EXTRA HELP!



- During BEFORE PMCS, check the starter switch for tightness. Vibration loosens it over time. When it gets too much play, it won't work correctly. Your repairman can tighten it.
- When starting the M26, set the throttle no more than half way before cranking the engine. You'll hear a click when the throttle hits half way. If you push the throttle higher, the M26 tends to flood.



Set
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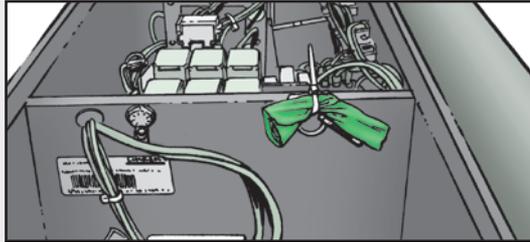
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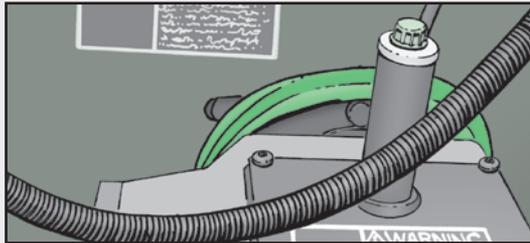
OHHH! I FORGOT TO WARN YOU TO BE CAREFUL AROUND MY BATTERY!

- Be careful around the battery terminals. They're exposed, so if you accidentally touch them with something metallic, you'll get a bad shock.

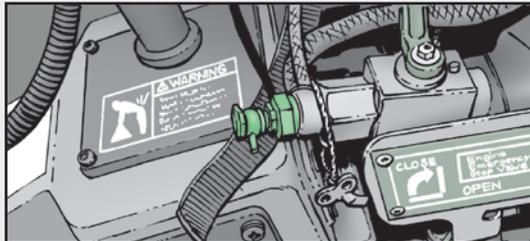
- Don't forget the M26 has spare fuses for the pump, starter switch, and the relays. If a fuse goes out in the field, just pop in a new one. Replace the spare when you return from the field.



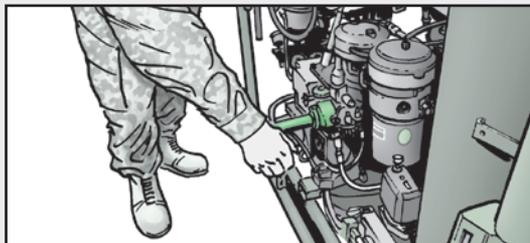
- If the burner won't start, make sure the clutch for the water pump is turning. If the clutch belt is broken or loose, the pump won't work.



- If you suspect fuel problems, check the bleed valve for the fuel shutoff valve. If fuel comes out of the bleed valve, the fuel system is OK.



- Give the hand crank at least two feet of clearance. It can kick back and give you quite a smack if you're too close. Crank with a steady motion to prevent kickbacks.



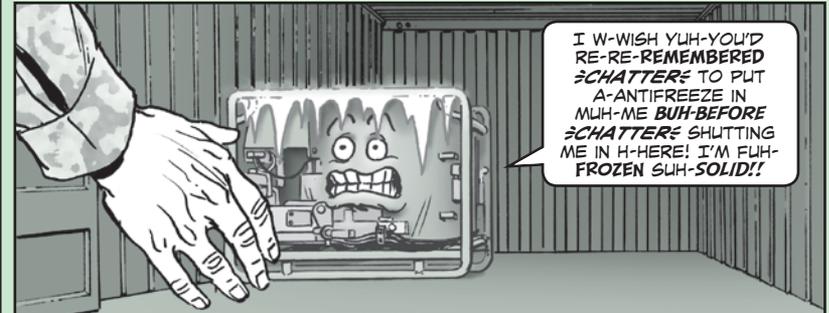
- Be careful around the exhaust. In just 4 minutes of operation it can get very hot.
- If the main pump clutch light won't come on, push the 2S1 button. That keeps the M26 from building up too much pressure.

Most M26s sit for long periods in a CONEX. That's why it's critical to carefully prepare your M26 for storage. Otherwise it can be ruined by corrosion. First, make sure all fuel is drained. After you've completely drained the fuel system, pull out the burner fuel line, drain it and then empty the fuel line's tube. Fuel can hide in the tube.

Drain fuel line tube before storage

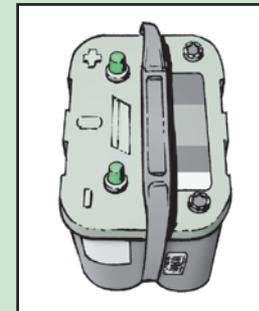


For winter storage, run calcium inhibitor through the water lines and then fill the system with antifreeze. The calcium inhibitor keeps the lines clear and the antifreeze stops the system from freezing.



I W-WISH YUH-YOU'D RE-RE-REMEMBERED ~~SCHATTERE~~ TO PUT A-ANTIFREEZE IN MUH-ME BUH-BEFORE ~~SCHATTERE~~ SHUTTING ME IN H-HERE! I'M FUH-FROZEN SUH-SOLID!!

Remove the batteries and coat their terminals and terminal connectors with GAA to prevent corrosion during storage.



DARNED GOOD DECONNING TIPS! THANKS FOR SHARING!



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