

M577A3/M1068A3 Command Post Carrier APU PM

An Easy Outline for Sergeant's Time Training

(**Note to Sergeants**: Here's an easy training outline you can follow any time your unit has a free minute. A problem & solution format is provided below, with visuals if you scroll down. Use this outline or add more info as you see fit. Make it yours & make it matter! —*PS Magazine*)

Problem: Low engine oil can cause parts to seize and then the engine can fail.

Solution: Make sure the APU has enough engine oil:

1. Check the engine oil both before and during operations.

2. Check engine oil level every 10 hours during operations.

Problem: Vibration during operations can put stress on the APU's mounting bolts.

Solution: Have your mechanic regularly check the mounting bolts to make sure they are torqued to spec. Don't use the APU to power other vehicles or equipment.

Problem: Not following the TM can lead to APU failure.

Solution: Everything you need to know to keep your APU in working order is in the TM. Follow the complete list of PMCS checks found in TM 9-6115-664-13&P.



CREWMEN, YOUR COMMAND POST CARRIER'S 5-KW AUXILIARY POWER UNIT (APU) GENERATOR NEEDS REGULAR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TO HELP KEEP IT WORKING HARD WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST.

WITHOUT DOUBT, THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR APU IS... ...FOLLOW ALL OF THE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER PMCS CHECKS FOUND IN THE TM.



CHECKING THE ENGINE OIL BOTH BEFORE AND PURING OPERATIONS IS CRITICAL. WHEN THE ENGINE IS LOW ON OIL, PARTS CAN SEIZE AND THE ENGINE FAILS. BE SURE TO CHECK THE OIL LEVEL EVERY 10 HOURS PURING OPERATIONS. DON'T DAMAGE
YOUR COMMAND
POST CARRIER'S
APU BY FAILING
TO DO SUCH
BASIC CHECKS.

ALSO, **VIBRATION** DURING OPERATION CAN PUT A LOT OF **STRESS** ON THE APU'S MOUNTING BOLTS.

HAVE YOUR MECHANIC REGULARLY CHECK THE MOUNTING BOLTS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE TORQUED TO SPEC.

DON'T FORGET THAT THE APU IS MEANT FOR POWERING YOUR COMMAND POST CARRIER ONLY. DON'T ANY OTHER VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT.

