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WOW!

WHO SERVICED
THESE BINOCULARS?

THEY'RE EITHER IN
FANTASTIC SHAPE ... OR...

...OR I'M
READY FOR THE
FUNNY FARM!



MURPHY
ANDERSON

Read
"You Gotta
See 'Em!"

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Too Much & Not Enough

OK -- YOU'VE BEEN INSPECTING, ADJUSTING AND REPLACING PARTS FOR HOURS... JUST TELL ME... DO TH' BRAKES WORK RIGHT NOW?!

IT'S LIFT-OFF TIME!!

N. POLE



You can spend a lot of time—too much, maybe—checking out the hydraulic brake system on your tactical wheeled vehicle. You may fool around with some things that don't need checking—things that're better off if you leave 'em alone.

And when you get done, you still don't know if your brake system's in good shape. So you wasted your time, maybe did more harm than good—and put an "OK" on brakes that're **not** OK.

The checkpoints in the -20 TM's vary a great deal but the brake systems are pretty much the same. The brake system checkpoints for all tactical wheeled vehicles with hydraulic brakes should be basically the same—and they're going to be as TM revisions and changes come out.

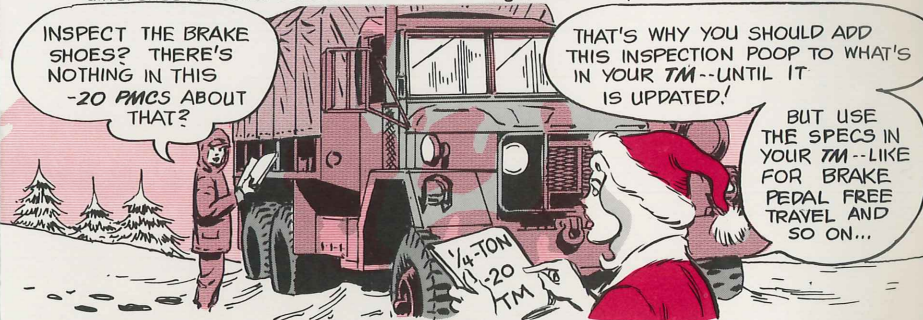
Get With It

You can get a good idea of what's coming by eyeballing Sequence No. 15, Service Brake System, Table 2-2, page 7, C5, TM 9-2320-218-20 (Sep 71). The only difference for other vehicles will be such things as exact specs for measurements.

INSPECT THE BRAKE SHOES? THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS -20 PMCS ABOUT THAT?

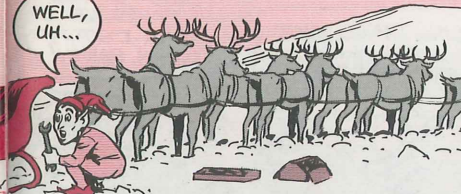
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD ADD THIS INSPECTION POOP TO WHAT'S IN YOUR TM --UNTIL IT IS UPDATED!

BUT USE THE SPECS IN YOUR TM --LIKE FOR BRAKE PEDAL FREE TRAVEL AND SO ON...



You can update your tactical vehicle hydraulic brake system inspection right now. Pick up whatever specs are needed from your vehicle's -20 TM and use the same checkpoints that're in that 1/4-ton truck's -20 TM PMCS table.

WELL, UH...



Hands Off!

"Inspect...wheel cylinder." That's what the TM says. But that's an eyeball inspection only. It does not mean you're s'posed to pull the boot back to check



for leaking. If you mess around with the boot, you'll just get dirt inside—and probably start a leak where there was none before.

I GET IT! YOU ONLY BELIEVE HALF OF WHAT YOU HEAR -- AND YOU'RE BLOCKING OUT THE OTHER HALF!

NAW, THIS KEEPS ME FROM FOOLING AROUND WITH THE WHEEL CYLINDER BOOTS WHEN I'M INSPECTING THE BRAKES!



If the wheel cylinder's leaking, you'll see the brake fluid on the outside. Then you replace the wheel cylinder.

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With Sprag
Clutch Knowhow...

NO STRAIN

on "THE BRAIN"!

?

A...
SPRAG
CLUTCH?

YEH, S. C.... THAT'S WHAT
MAKES OL' DEUCY HERE AN
IDEAL PROSPECT FOR BACKUP
TO RUDY AN' HIS CREW!

MAKES ME
THINK I GOT A
BRAIN, SANTA!

I COULD TELL 'EM THE
SPRAG CLUTCH IS EXPLAINED
IN TM 9-8000, PARA 210.

FOR SURE,
YOU COULD
SHED LIGHT
ON ANY SUBJECT!

What a great idea! Automatic front-wheel drive when your rear wheels lose their grip on ice, snow or mud! Like your truck is doing the thinking—like it's got a brain.

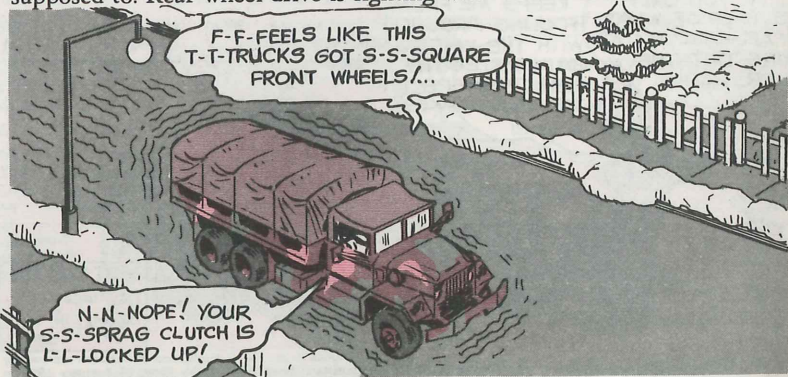
You've already got that automatic front-wheel drive—if your deuce-and-a-half is one of those older jobs with the "overrunning (sprag-type) clutch."

Trouble is, too many drivers and too many mechanics don't dig this sprag clutch. So drivers are busting up transfers, front prop shafts and front axles. Mechanics can head off some of this damage by making sure the transfer linkage is adjusted right.

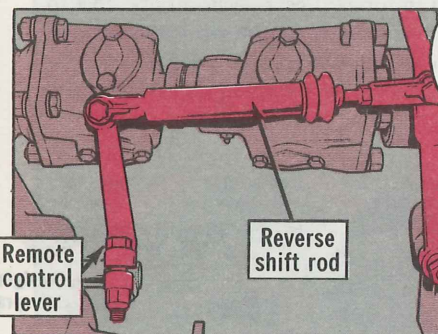
Hard to Miss

It's easy to spot a truck with a messed-up sprag clutch. You can see it coming down the road—front wheels hopping up 'n' down. It's like the front wheels are trying to turn backward while the rear wheels are turning forward.

The sprag clutch has got a hold on the front drive shaft when it's not supposed to. Rear wheel drive is fighting with front wheel drive.



Other signs of possible sprag trouble are fuel hogging, short life of front tires, hard steering, stubborn shifting and jumping out of gear.



SOME OUTFITS
CHECK THIS ADJUSTMENT
AS PART OF THEIR
SEMI-ANNUAL SERVICE!
IT HEADS OFF A LOT
O' HEADACHES!

(e) Adjust Linkage. Place transmission in NEUTRAL. Shorten reverse shift rod (H) until remote control rod (J) is in maximum forward position. Then, lengthen reverse shift rod (H) until remote control rod (J) starts to move toward transfer case. To check, place transmission in REVERSE and turn propeller shaft one revolution counterclockwise when facing rear of truck. The remote control lever should be in maximum rear position.

You get a lot more on the sprag clutch in TM 9-2320-209-20 (Apr 65) para 158c (3)!

But, before you get your mechanic on it, check to see if your truck's suffering from a simple case of "wind-up"—caused by the driver and, maybe, easily fixed by the driver.

YOU BRING ON WIND-UP IN DIFFERENT WAYS...



—Letting your truck coast backward while you've got the transmission in a forward gear (or coasting forward while in reverse gear). **KRAKK-KK**



—Failing to come to a dead stop before shifting from reverse to first gear (or from a forward gear to reverse). **KRUNK**

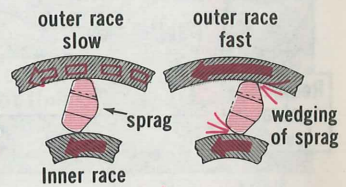
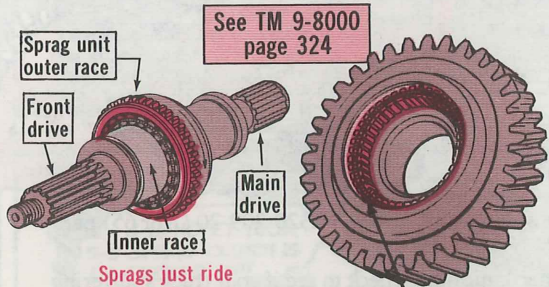


—Trying to tow your truck forward while the transmission's in reverse (or pulling backward when the transmission's in a forward gear). **KK-K-KRUNK-KK**



Get the message? Make sure your transmission's always in the right gear for the direction you're moving—even if you're coasting. If you don't, that sprag clutch will grab a hold of the front drive shaft and lock on. With your rear wheels fighting the front wheels, you'll be lucky if you only wind up with wind-up—you could bust a prop shaft or axle. The weakest point in your drive train will give out. Probably your transfer will conk out.

If you goof—like coasting backward in forward gear—you may be able to head off wind-up. Just make sure you drive forward for the same distance that you coasted backward. Same goes for coasting backward in a forward gear—drive backward the same distance. This should let the sprag clutch release its grip on the front drive shaft.



Sprags just ride between the races when there's no demand for front wheel drive...

Dozens of sprags are fitted into the outer race.

...but the sprags (1 shown) wedge and lock the races together when the rear wheels spin and speed up the outer race. This gives drive to the front wheels.

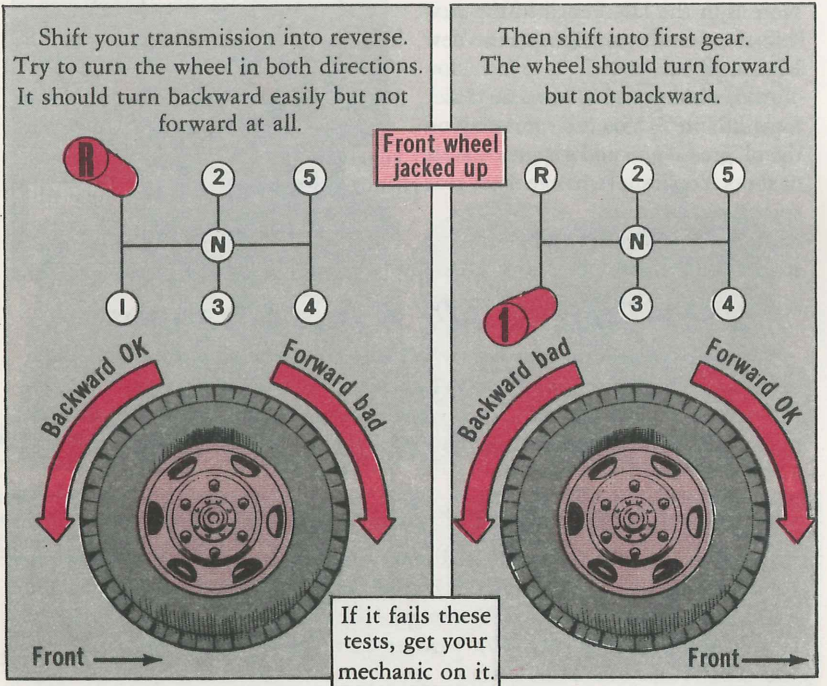
Or you may be able to release the wind-up by jacking one front wheel off the ground. Careful! That wind-up may let go with a real kick. This can be dangerous if you're working on the wheel—like changing a tire—when wind-up lets loose.



WOW! SHE'S GOT HORSEPOWER UNDER THE HOOD... BUT THAT'S PLAIN MULE POWER IN HER WHEEL!

I GOT MORE WINDUP THAN NOLAN RYAN!

Check, while you've got the wheel off the ground, to see if your sprag clutch is working right.



If it fails these tests, get your mechanic on it.

Rear Spring Lube News



Relief is here! You no longer need to do a 1,000-mile lube job on your 2½-ton truck's rear spring seat bearings.

A revision of LO 9-2320-209-12/1 will call for lubing when you pull other services on the rear spring seat bearings:

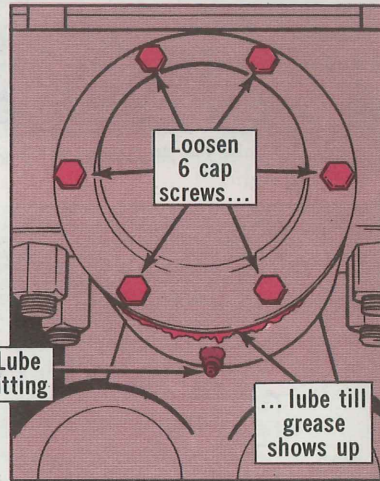
3,000 miles-or-semiannually (no longer 1,500 miles as now in the LO).

Those services are spelled out in Note 8 in the LO. Pencil in the new info to remind yourself until the new LO comes out.

And, while you're at it, take a closer look at Note 8. You can't just slap on the ol' grease gun and give it a couple of shots. You'll shortchange those rear spring seat bearings!

You've got to loosen the bearing cap screws and then lube until grease

shows up around the cap. Then you button it back up again. That's the right way—the only way.



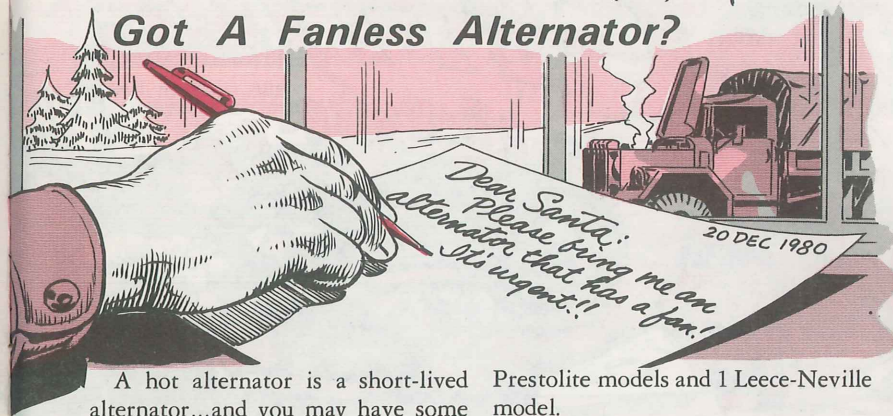
2½-Ton BILI/AAL Changes

Make sure you get the new poop on changes in the 2½-ton truck Basic Issue Items and Additional Authorization List. See TB 43-0001-39-1 (Apr 80), Pages 3-29 thru 3-31. You may be carrying some items you don't need, and you may need some items you don't have. This info affects TM 9-2320-209-10-HR and TM 9-2320-209-10-1-HR.

New Motor Transport Pub

Interested in wheeled vehicle driver selection and training? Operating vehicles in difficult terrain and bad weather? Loading and unloading trucks and trailers? Planning a convoy? You need FM 55-30, Army Motor Transport Units and Operations (Mar 80). It superseded FM 55-30, FM 55-31, TM 21-300, TM 55-310 and TM 55-311.

Got A Fanless Alternator?



A hot alternator is a short-lived alternator...and you may have some that are not long for this world!

Some 28-volt 60-amp alternators may have been installed without their cooling fans.

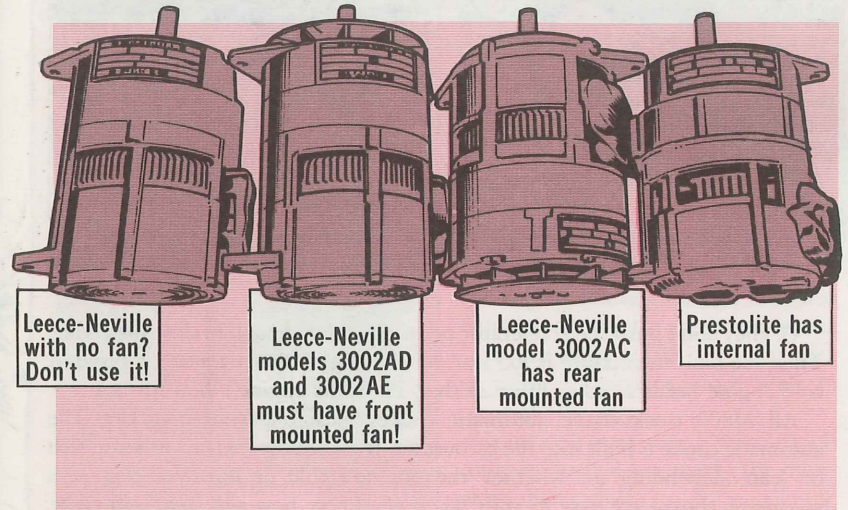
You can get 5 different model alternators with NSN 2920-00-909-2483—2 Prestolite models and 3 Leece-Neville models.

A cooling fan is built into the

Prestolite models and 1 Leece-Neville model.

But the other 2 Leece-Neville models—3002AD and 3002AE—take a cooling fan on the pulley end. It can come off or get lost.

You eagle-eyed mechs take a look. If you have a Leece-Neville model 3002AD or 3002AE without a front-end cooling fan, replace it and get it back to support.



Leece-Neville with no fan? Don't use it!

Leece-Neville models 3002AD and 3002AE must have front mounted fan!

Leece-Neville model 3002AC has rear mounted fan

Prestolite has internal fan

GETTING

R-RRRR-RR



GLURRRGH:
I'M
DROWNIN'!!

IT STARTED

YEAH, SANTA-- THIS
OL' KLUNKER JUST DON'T
WANTA START!

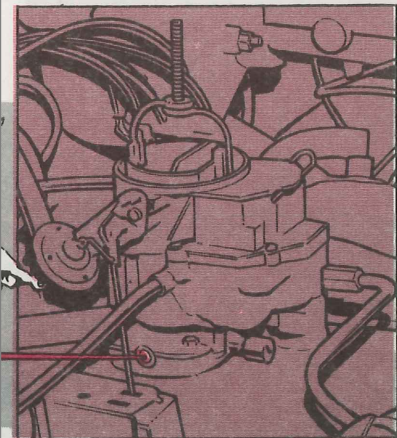
SHE MUST BE YOUR
RELATIVE, DANCER...
LISSEN TO HER
TOE TAPPIN'!



HERE'RE
SOME TIPS
THAT SHOULD
HELP...



starting their trucks.
too much and flood the engine with
that raw gas seeps out around the



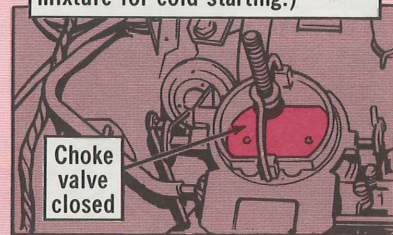
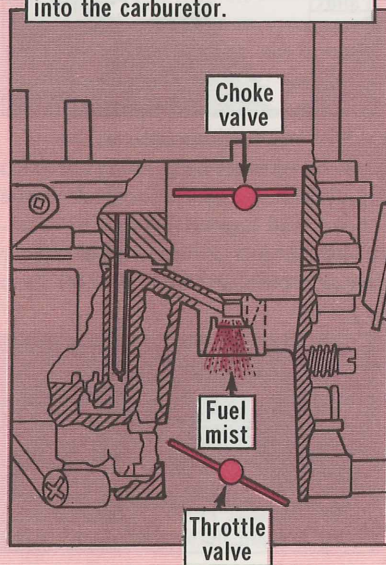
pedal down far enough to close the choke.
for the engine to start when it's cold. A
man the same engine when it's hot!!
chokes—just like your own car. The
retor. It makes the fuel/air mixture rich
e engine's cold or hot. Vehicles with
en you know how and treat 'em right.

Normal Start—Cold Engine

Put the gear selector in P or N.
Slowly push the accelerator pedal to
the floor. Release it. Two things
happened:

—You squirted a mist of gas
into the carburetor.

—And you set the choke...closed
the carburetor butterfly valve
nearest the air cleaner. (This
chokes off the air flow to the
engine, giving a richer fuel/air
mixture for cold starting.)



Turn the ignition key to start.
Release the key when the engine
starts. The automatic choke will keep
the engine running at high idle. You
don't need to use the accelerator pedal.
If the engine fails to start after
cranking 15 seconds, stop. Wait 15
seconds. Try again.

If it won't start after 3 tries, stop! It
could be flooded—or maybe the choke
valve didn't close.



No Start—

If you pumped the accelerator pedal too much, the engine could be flooded. This means the spark plugs are wet and can't fire. The spark won't jump the gap. You can smell gas.



Push the accelerator pedal to the floor and hold it there without pumping.



No Start—Choke Open

The engine may fire occasionally but won't start.

If you pump the accelerator, the engine may start, but it'll run rough—maybe pop, backfire and die.

Could be the choke valve is stuck open. This'll cause the fuel/air mixture to be too lean to start a cold engine.

Check it out by taking the air cleaner off the carburetor (or just take off the



air cleaner cover).

Look at the top butterfly valve. This is the choke valve. It should be closed. If it's not, push the accelerator pedal completely to the floor. The valve

should close. If it doesn't, push it closed with your fingers.

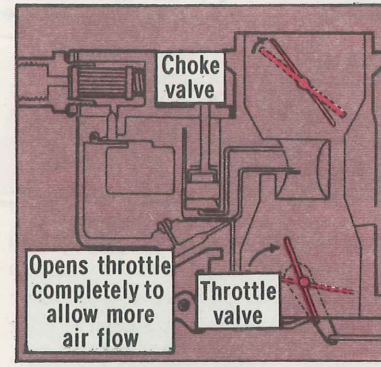


Now try it. It should start.

When you get back, have your mech spray some break-free solvent on the choke shaft and valve. NSN 9150-01-054-6453 gets a pint with a trigger sprayer. NSN 9150-01-053-6688 gets a gallon.



Flooding



This opens the choke valve a little and opens the throttle valve all the way. More air will be pulled into the engine's combustion chamber to dry the spark plugs.

Try to start the engine. If it won't start on the second try, stop. Let it stand about 20 minutes, then try again.



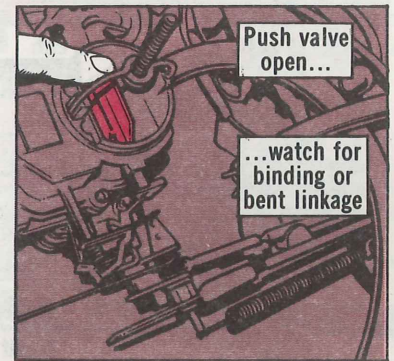
Sluggish After Warm-Up

If your truck starts OK but acts sluggish when it warms up, could be the choke is stuck shut—at full choke. This'll cause an over-rich mixture for a hot engine. You'll notice black exhaust smoke, lack of power on acceleration, and maybe high engine idle speed.

To check it out, shut off the engine. Take off the air cleaner.

Look at the choke valve. If it's closed, try to open it with your finger. Careful. Don't force it. Watch for binding or bent linkage.

When you get the choke open, put the air cleaner back. Report the sticking choke to your mech.



Extreme Cold Weather

Get the truck ready as before. Set the parking brake. Put the gear selector in N this time. It makes less drag on the starter.

Push the accelerator pedal slowly to the floor and release it. Do this 2 or 3 times—no more!

Never crank more than 15 seconds at a time. Let the starter cool off 15 seconds before trying again.



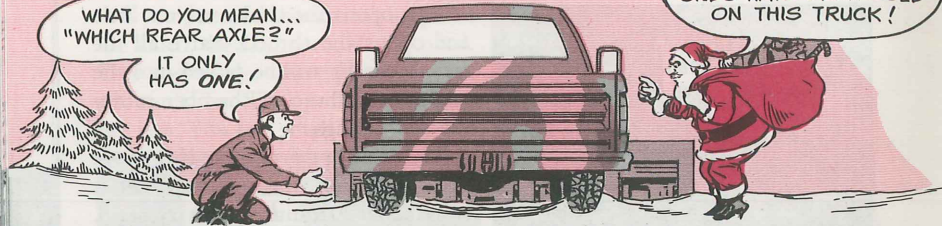
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Know Your Axles

YES... BUT THREE DIFFERENT ONES HAVE BEEN USED ON THIS TRUCK!

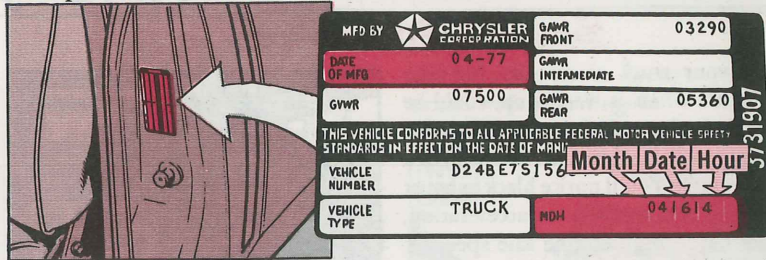
WHAT DO YOU MEAN... "WHICH REAR AXLE?"

IT ONLY HAS ONE!



To get the right parts for your M880's rear brake drum assembly, you need to know which of 3 rear axles your truck has. The axle housing has no markings to identify the axle. Which axle your truck has depends on when it was built.

The when-built info is on the vehicle's certification plate on the driver's door latch post. Also, check Para 4.i., TM 9-2320-266-20P for more scoop on this.



MFD BY	CHRYSLER CORPORATION	GAWR FRONT	03290
DATE OF MFG	04-77	GAWR INTERMEDIATE	
GVWR	07500	GAWR REAR	05360
THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE			
VEHICLE NUMBER	D24BE75156	Month	Date
VEHICLE TYPE	TRUCK	NDH	041614

The manual, however, will not tell you how to match up the date-built info with the right axle number.

SO, JOT DOWN THIS DOPE...

Axle Drive	Built Date	Axle No
All	Before 1 Apr 76	4031368
4x2	After 1 Apr 76 and up to 15 Aug 76	4032948
4x2	After 15 Aug 76	4032949
4x4	After 1 Apr 76 and up to 27 Sep 76, 13th hour	4032948
4x4	After 27 Sep 76, 13th hour	4032949

If a complete axle assembly is removed and separated from your M880, it should be tagged with the right identification. That'll keep it from getting mixed up with other axles and create an axle/parts mismatch.

HELLO, SHORTY!

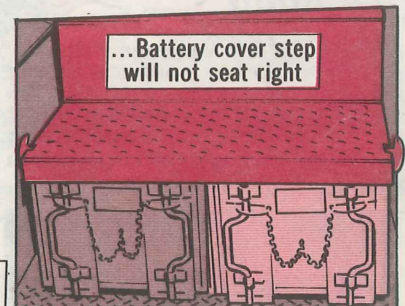
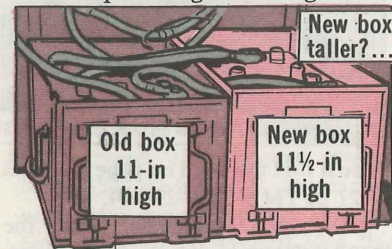


Battery Box Mismatch

BIG DEAL! YOU'RE ONLY 1/2 INCH TALLER!

When you replace just one of the battery boxes on your 5-ton 260-series truck, you'll get a mismatch.

The replacement—Battery Box NSN 6135-00-405-1984—is 11½ inches high to allow for greater battery cable clearance. This is ½ inch taller than the old one, and the battery cover step no longer seats right.



To correct this, you can replace both battery boxes at the same time and avoid the mismatch. Or, you can get your support to install a shim beneath the low battery box. Instructions for this fix are in TB 43-0001-39-2 (Jul 80).

WHAT YOU ASKED FOR, SOLDIER... BUT DO YOU REALLY NEED ALL OF THIS?

Too Much Filter?



ER... I... UH...

You're probably ordering the wrong item for your 5-ton multifuel engine truck when you go after Filter, fluid pressure NSN 2940-00-194-2497, page 2-10, TM 9-2320-211-20P. It's not often that you need to replace the filter housing and certain other hardware.

TM. It costs about one-seventh the cost of Filter, fluid pressure.

Most likely all you want is the filter element and a few parts needed for periodic oil filter servicing.

And that's all you get when you order Parts Kit, oil filter NSN 2940-00-884-4801, page 2-12 in your -20P



NSN 2940-00-884-4801 SAVES BUCKS IF YOU NEED ONLY THE FILTER ELEMENT!



M747 HET Semitrailer...

Save Loading Ramps

OH, MY ACHIN' RAMP!

FIRST THEY DROP ME--AND NOW THEY'RE GONNA LOAD THIS BIG BRUTE WITHOUT BLOCKING MY REAR END!

Wrong loading is cracking welds on the underside of the loading ramps.



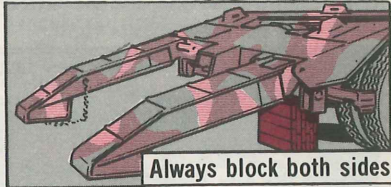
Welds are cracking!

Loading heavy vehicles without blocking the rear of the trailer will cause it.

So will approaching the ramps at an angle...or driving on too fast.

Keep everything lined up and drive on slowly.

When you load heavy equipment—55 tons and over—block the trailer.



Always block both sides!

You'll find the word on page 2-20 and 2-21 in TM 9-2330-294-14.

All M48/M60-tanks and the M88/M88A1 recovery vehicles weigh over 55 tons.

TM-207-Series Semitrailers...

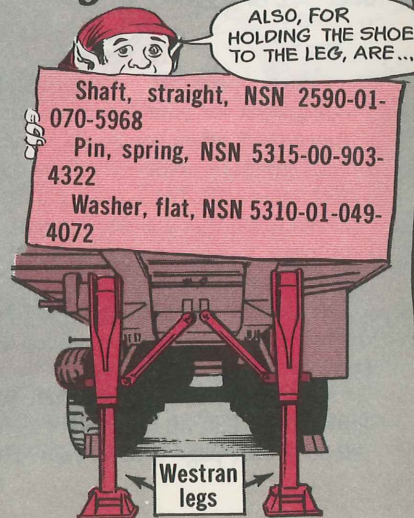
Westran Landing Leg Parts

If you've got Westran landing legs on your M127 or other TM-207-series 12-ton semitrailers, you won't find repair parts in your TM 9-2330-207-24P (Jul 73).

UNTIL THE 7M PICKS 'EM UP, JOT THESE DOWN!

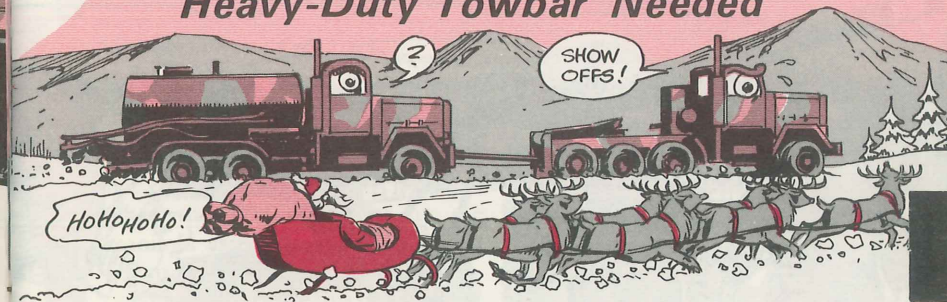
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Crank, NSN 2590-00-177-9931
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M915-Series Trucks...

Heavy-Duty Towbar Needed



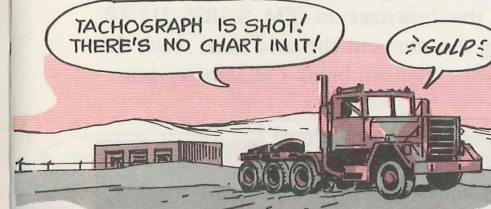
The 5-ton wrecker's towbar can't handle the load when it comes to towing a disabled M915-series truck. And neither can the 5-ton wrecker.

You need a heavy-duty towbar, NSN 2540-00-378-2012, like carried on the M88 recovery vehicle. That's on page 2-120 in TB 43-0001-39-4 (Jan

80). You need 2 inter-vehicular air hoses so you'll have brakes on the towed truck. Get 'em with NSN 4720-00-740-9662.

Use an M915, M916, M917, or M920 to tow any of the M915-series vehicles.

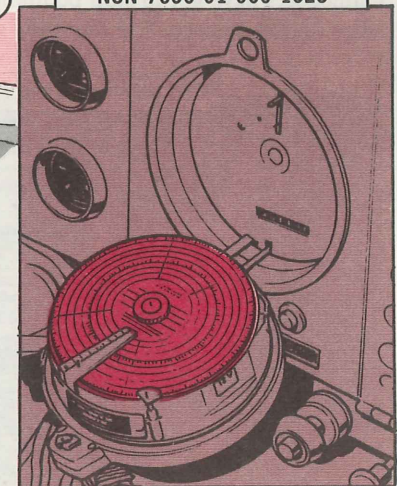
Tachograph Charts



Get 10 tachograph charts with NSN 7530-01-060-1628

Need a tachograph chart for your new M915-series truck? Get a package of 10 with NSN 7530-01-060-1628. (If the AMDF says "each," it means a package not just 1 chart.)

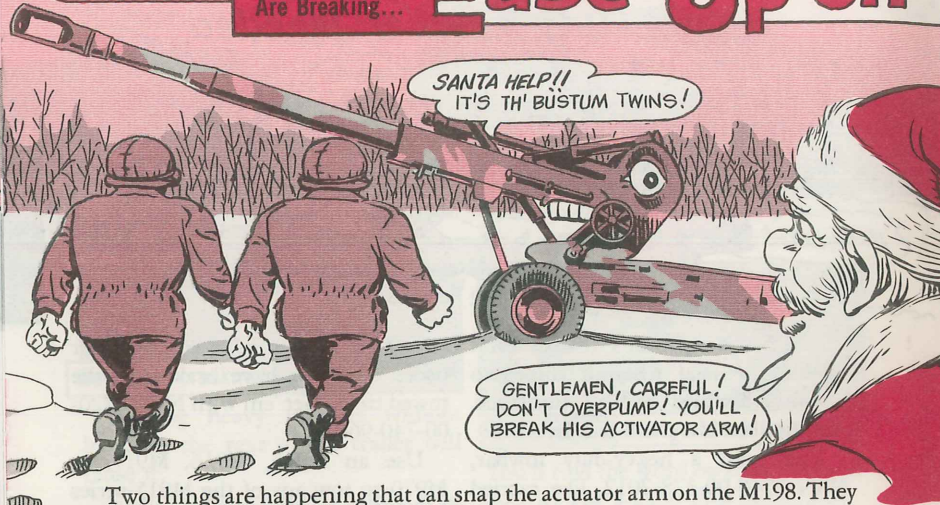
Any truck with a tachograph needs a chart in the tachograph. If you don't have a new chart, don't take out the old one. Operating a truck without a chart will ruin the tachograph. An expensive mistake—\$600 or more.



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Actuator Arms
Are Breaking...

Ease Up on Pump Pressure!



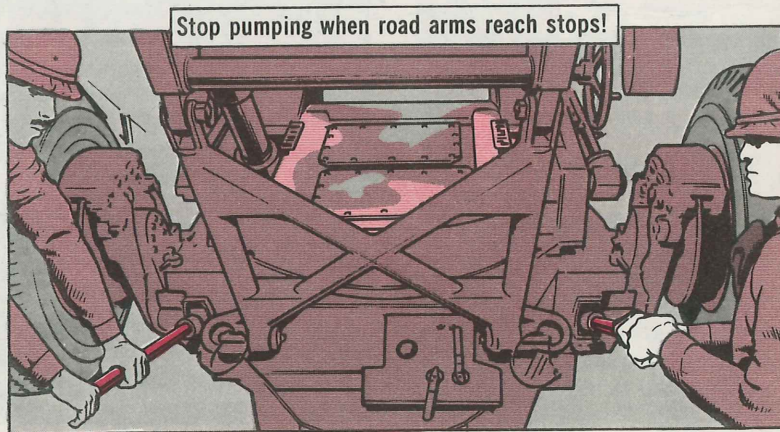
SANTA HELP!!
IT'S TH' BUSTUM TWINS!

GENTLEMEN, CAREFUL!
DON'T OVERPUMP! YOU'LL
BREAK HIS ACTIVATOR ARM!

Two things are happening that can snap the actuator arm on the M198. They were both discovered after TM 9-1025-211-10 (Oct 79) was printed.

1. When they emplace the howitzer, Cannoneers No. 3 and 4 sometimes keep on pumping even after the wheels are all the way up. There's no place for the extra pressure to go, and the actuator arm gets snapped.

Review the steps for emplacing the howitzer in TM 9-1025-211-10. Cannoneers have got to stop pumping the moment the road arms reach the stops on the carriage. Any pumping after that can break the actuator arm.

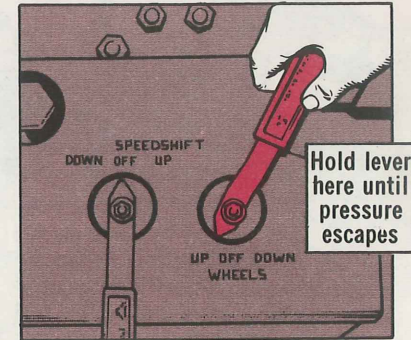


2. The steps in your -10 manual on preparing the howitzer for towing do not release all the hydraulic pressure when the WHEELS lever on the manifold assembly is changed from UP to DOWN.

Unless you release this pressure, the weight of the howitzer will bear down on the actuator arm even after the wheel locks are in place. This extra weight can eventually crack the actuator arm.

To prevent this, read your -10 manual about preparation of the howitzer for towing. To keep the actuator arm from cracking, after you have done Step 15, do this as Step 15½.

Move the WHEELS lever from OFF to a point halfway between OFF and UP and hold it there until the sound of

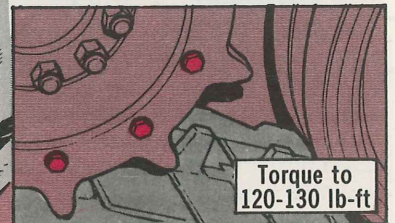


the escaping pressure has stopped. Then turn the lever back to the OFF position and go ahead to Step 16.

Drive Sprocket Torque

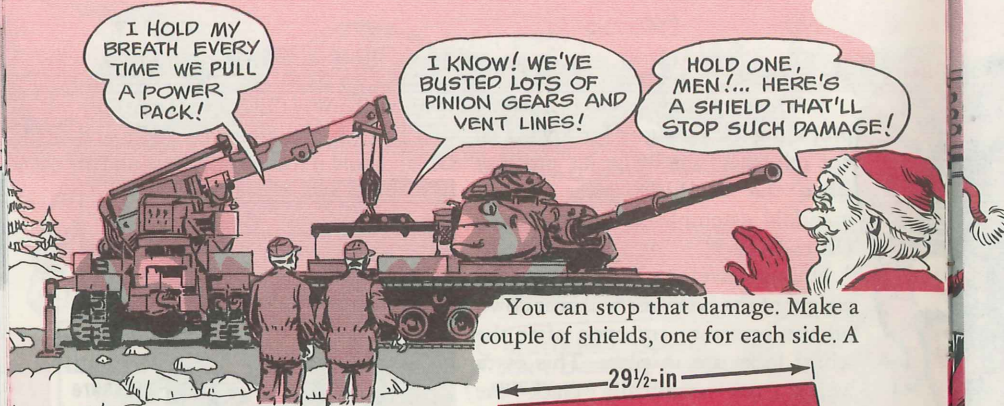


There's been a torque change on your M110-series howitzers and M578 recovery vehicle. The correct torque for the drive sprocket mounting bolts is now 120-130 lb-ft. The manuals are being updated.



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Final Drive Damage



You can stop that damage. Make a couple of shields, one for each side. A

The pinion gears on a lot of final drives are being damaged.

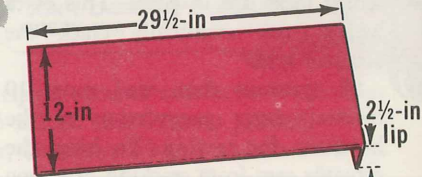
The powerpack bumps and bangs the gear when the pack's taken out or put back in.

When removing power pack you can tear out vent line...

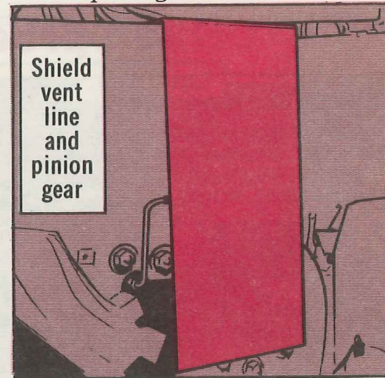


...and damage pinion gear!

And on the M60A3 tanks with the closed final drive breather system, the vent line is being bumped and torn out.



piece of sheet metal about a foot wide and 32 inches long will do it. Bend a 2 1/2-inch lip along one end.



Shield vent line and pinion gear

Lay the shield over the hull to protect the pinion gear and vent line when the pack is being taken out or put in.

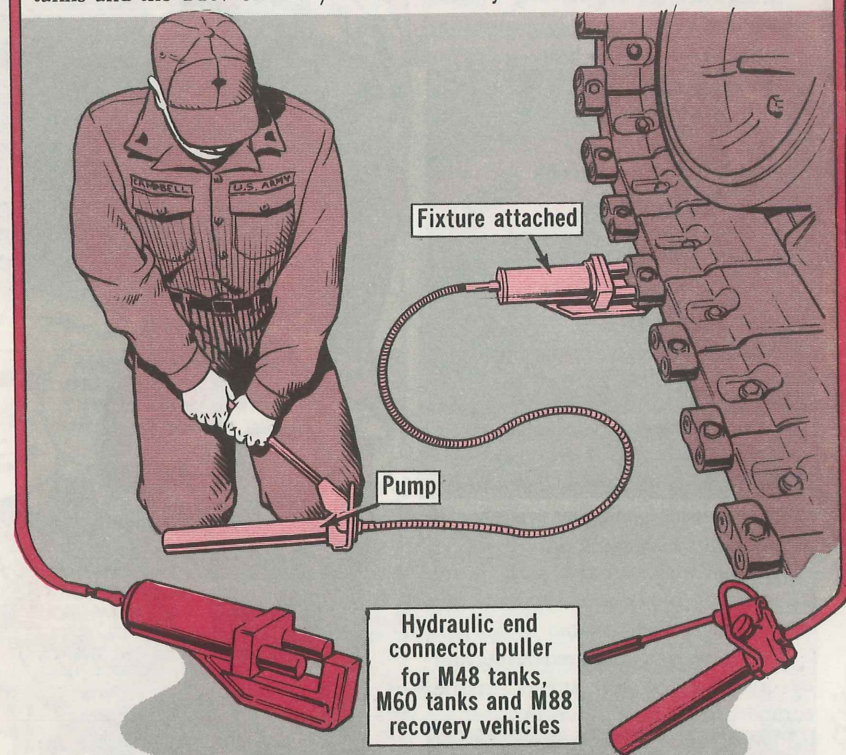
New End Connector Puller



No more sweatin' or gruntin' or busted knuckles! Track end connectors come off easy as pie.

All you need is the new hydraulic End Connector Puller, NSN 5120-01-052-5642. It's being added to the special tools section in your vehicle's -20P.

Use the puller for T97E1 track on M48-series tanks, T142 on the M60-series tanks and the T107 on M88/M88A1 recovery vehicles.



A DUD CAN BLOW YOU AWAY!

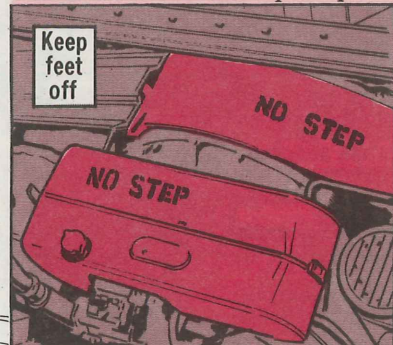


LEAVE IT ALONE! REPORT IT!

Step Easy-- Keep Your Guard Up

Maybe the devil makes you do it. You see a "No Step" sign in the compartments of your Chaparral missile system and your foot heads that way as to a magnet.

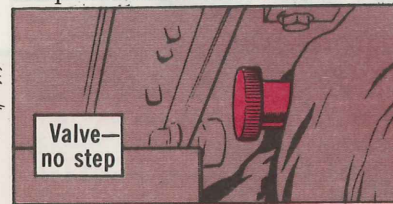
Resist...let some part live a little longer and keep your system running. Some favorite "No Step" steps to



avoid are spelled out in big letters in the main power unit (MPU) compartment. Step on those and you'll break wires and leads...and your system will be down for a repair job.

Another high-damage "step" is the air purifier blowdown valve in the crew compartment. Avoid it.

The valve gets clobbered by feet and by unauthorized gear stowed in the compartment...or thrown in.



... SO, WATCH WHERE YOU PUT YOUR FEET, AND CHECK TM 9-1425-586-10 (SEP 71) FOR GEAR YOU CAN STOW IN THE CREW COMPARTMENT!



HOW 'BOUT IF YOU WATCH IT, CONNIE?

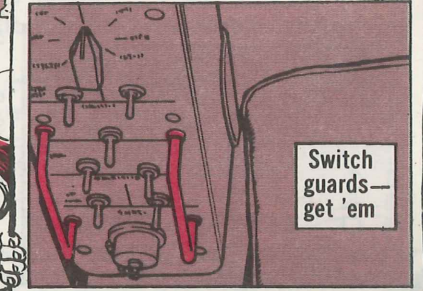


HOPE SHE'S GOT SOME GOOD TM TIPS ON THIS GEAR!

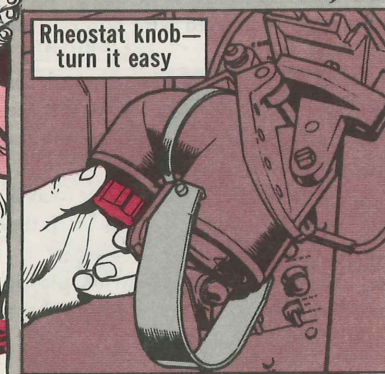
HAH-- YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN CAREFUL NOT T'DROP THOSE SWITCH GUARD PARTS IN THE SNOW, GRUMPO!

Switch Guards

Next time you poke your head into the gunner's compartment, look down...to the lower half of the control panels. Each panel should have 2 switch guards extending from the bottom to about a third of the way up. The guards (NSN 5430-00-060-5386) prevent busted switches from knees and feet. If you don't have guards, ask your support to install them. Special screws and retainers are needed.



Optical Sight



The rheostat knob on the gunner's XM75 optical sight has a limit stop at each end.

For gunners who haven't yet found out the hard way, the stop will break if you force the knob past the stop. When the stop goes, the sight goes down for repair.

The idea is, turn the rheostat knob (be a little gentle) till you feel resistance. Then, quit turning. If you don't have the adjustment you need by then, the sight needs maintenance.

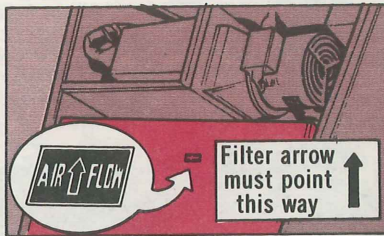
READY,
ELVES?...

OK, YOU CHAPARRAL TYPES,
HERE'S SOME MORE INFO THAT'LL
HELP KEEP YOUR GUARD UP...

Air Filters

When you reinstall the air conditioner air filters for the gunner's compartment, keep the filter arrows pointing toward the compartment.

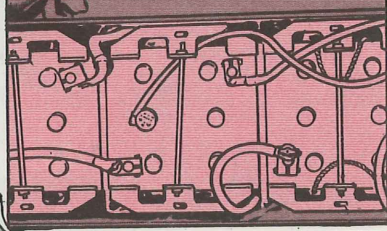
That'll give maximum air flow for the gunner, the air conditioner will give peak performance, and the gunner can do his job safely and comfortably.



Batteries

The system works best on matched sets of lead-acid batteries. Performance falls off when batteries are in different states of charge.

Batteries equally charged?



Ideally, when you install batteries, each one should have an electrolyte specific gravity reading of 1.280 (1.225 in the tropics) on your optical anti-freeze/battery tester.

Never install a battery with a reading under 1.225 (tropics, 1.180). If it won't charge to 1.225, replace it.

M P U Thermostat

Wiring to the MPU thermostat switch must be covered with asbestos sleeving...to keep the wiring insulation from melting and the wire from



shorting. A shorted wire will put the MPU down.

If you don't know asbestos, look for a gray, fuzzy cover over the wire. If the wire doesn't have the sleeving, request it from maintenance.

Another MPU wiring sleeve to look for is on the wire that runs from the MPU to the K1 relay.

The sleeve is a heat-shrink plastic type, and without it the wire will short and blow the K1 relay.

Your support installs the sleeve.



Swim Curtains

When you store the flotation curtains or remove them in the field, keep the top side up. Let the curtains rest on the underside.

If you place them topside down on the ground, concrete or whatever, the ceiling side will rub into the whatever and you'll ruin the seal.

Air Compressor

Like an echo, the word has bounced off walls, ears and eyes for years: DO NOT USE 30 W OIL IN THE AIR COMPRESSOR!

Like clockwork, compressors are damaged or destroyed because some crewman didn't have time (he thought), or didn't want to get the oil especially designed for the compressor.

Once again: Use only BMS 3-7A oil, NSN 9150-00-753-4667, in the compressor. It will not break down under use. That 30 W automotive oil will.

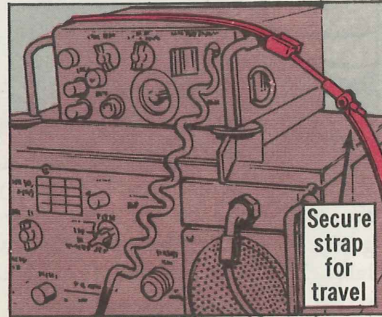


Again, substitutes cause expensive and extensive damage.

Remember, too: Check the compressor oil level before and after each operation. That's spelled out in Table 3-1 of TM 9-1425-586-10.

AN/GRA-39

Commo Gear



The Chaparral track shakes, rattles and rolls things loose. That's why everything should be strapped down, especially your expensive AN/GRA-39 radio set control group in the rear electrical compartment.

The GRA-39 should be secured with the strap provided before you get underway. Otherwise, it'll fall off the radio set and damage itself and other equipment.

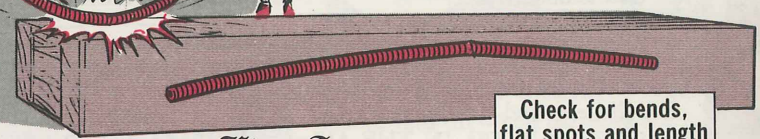


M60 MG: The Spring's The Thing

The operating rod spring of your M60 machine gun can put the gun down in more ways than one.

Forget it. The rules have changed and the spring can now be from 22¾ inches to 27 inches long.

The word on serviceable length is in TB 43-0001-36-1 (Apr 79).



Check for bends, flat spots and length

Flat Spots

Wear causes flat spots on the outer rims of the spring. Armorers should replace the spring when they find flat areas.

Sometimes the operating rod spring will take a permanent set from being bent double in its package. If you remove a spring from a package and it still has a slight bend in it, turn it back in. Otherwise, the bend will wear during use and you'll have to replace it anyway.

M16A1 Rifle...

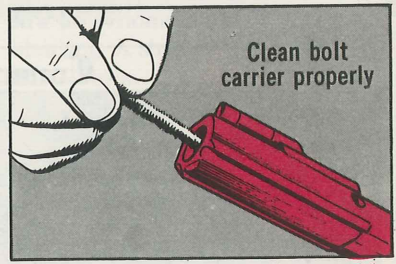
Firing Pin Foul!!

Sure, you can use your rifle's firing pin to help take down your weapon. That's legal. But you never use the firing pin for cleaning jobs.

F'rinstance, you never use it to remove the carbon deposits from the shoulder inside the bolt carrier. That can ruin the firing pin tip...and that's a foul...calling for a new pin.

Read the bolt carrier group cleaning poop in TM 9-1005-249-10.

You clean out carbon deposits with pipe cleaners, swabs, and Rifle Bore Cleaner—RBC. Nothing else.



Carbon buildup's usually caused by too much lube on the bolt carrier group. So after the cleanup biz, lightly lube the firing pin and firing pin recess.



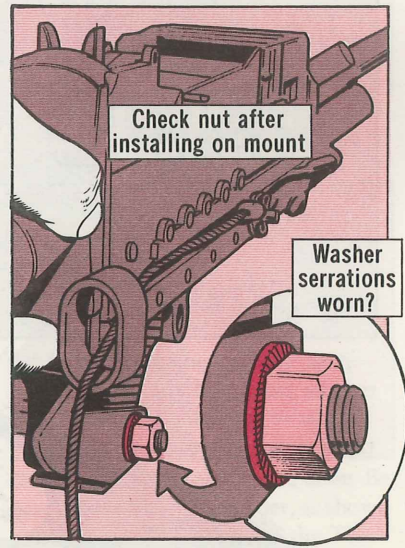
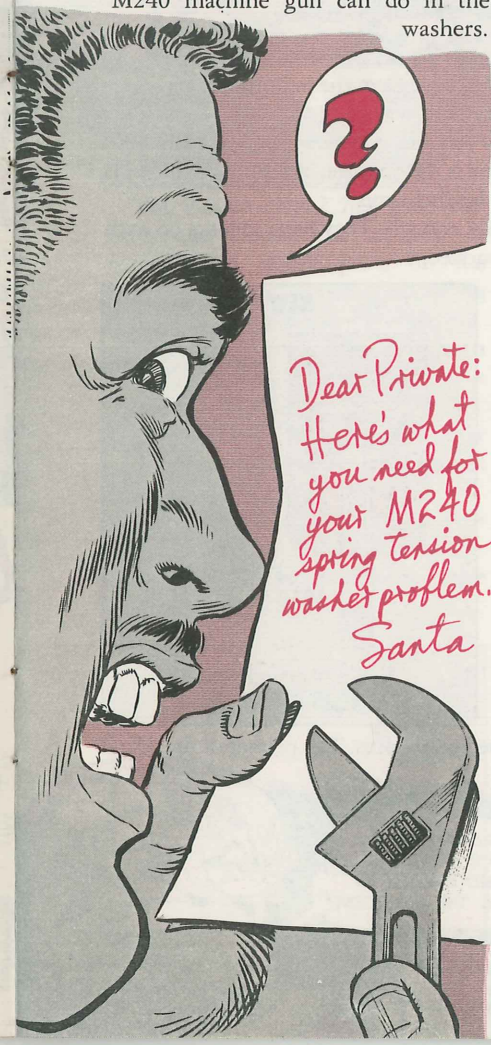
Watch That M240 Washer!

Repeated removal of the nut, screw and spring tension washers on the trigger and frame assembly of your M240 machine gun can do in the washers.

You might have to remove them often enough in training so that the washers, NSN 5310-01-033-3850, lose tension or the serrated sides wear. If the side wears smooth, or the bend flattens out, the nut, NSN 5310-01-034-1542, can back off.

If the nut works loose, the trigger and frame assembly starts to come apart...and can even fall off during firing.

So what to do? Use an adjustable wrench to tighten the nut when you install it. A check after firing wouldn't hurt, either. If the nut keeps coming loose, tell your armorer. He may have to replace the tension washer.



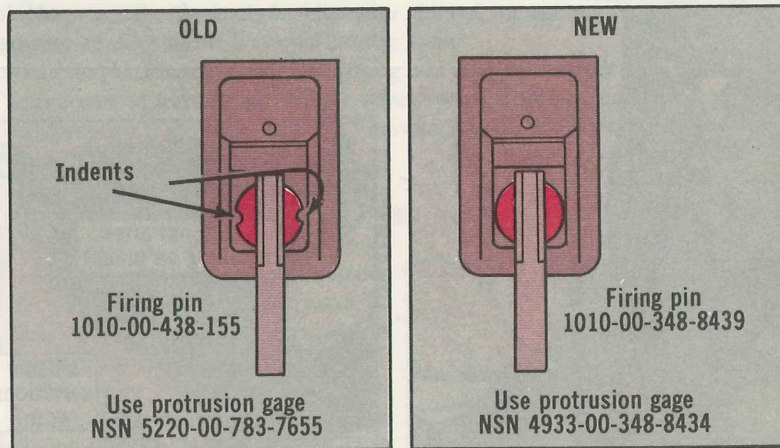
M203 Firing Pin



If your unit's M203 grenade launchers don't have the latest firing pin, your grenadiers have probably found out the hard way.

The old pin is too long and punctures primers. The new pin, NSN 1010-00-348-8433, came out about 3 years ago and is the only one in supply. All old pins should have been replaced by support by this time.

Armorer's can spot the old pins easily enough. They have indents on each side, whereas the new ones are full-rounded.



Also, you grenadiers can tell if you've got old pins. The primer of the round may be punctured after firing.

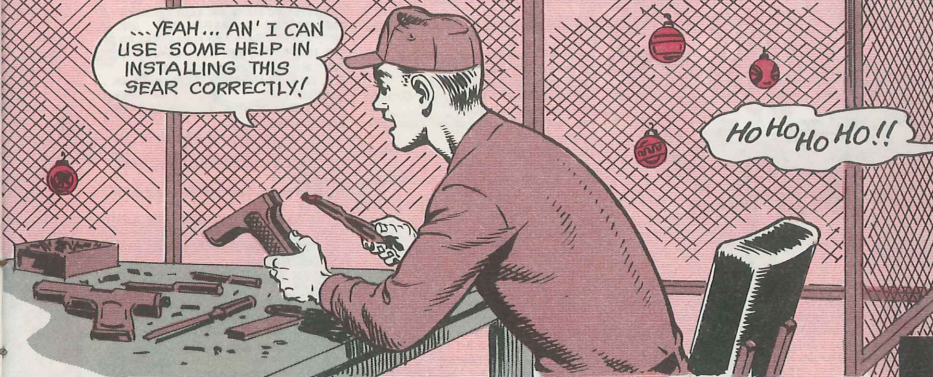
If you've got an old pin, turn the launcher in to support.

SUPPORT HAS THE NEW PINS AND GAGES TO CURE THE PROBLEM!

.45-Cal Sear... Right Way

...YEAH... AN' I CAN USE SOME HELP IN INSTALLING THIS SEAR CORRECTLY!

Ho Ho Ho Ho!!



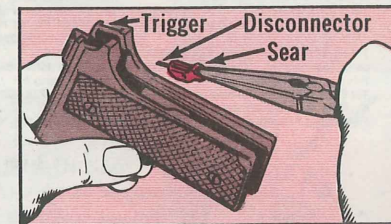
TM 9-1005-211-12 has good pictures and instructions on how to remove and install parts on the M1911A1 .45-cal pistol, including removing the sear and disconnector.

However, it comes up short on installing the sear. Some troops try it upside down, which makes problems.

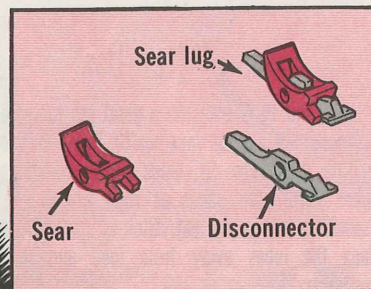
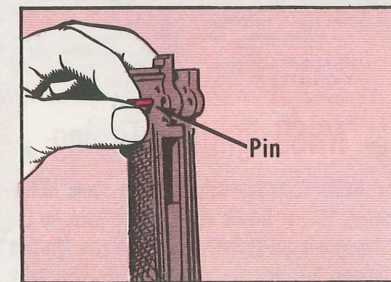
To keep it simple, assemble the sear and disconnector as shown in panel 18, Fig 3-14 of the -12 TM.

Now, keep the lugs of the sear facing down, toward the base of the pistol grip. The rounded hump of the sear should be facing the pistol.

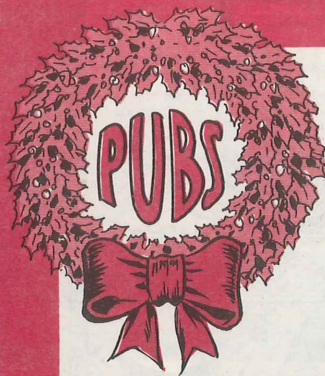
Position the 2 sear lugs on the trigger and place the wide, flat base of



the disconnector against the back of the trigger. Install the sear pin



through the sear, and you're done. Be sure to do the steps in order, as shown on pages 3-12 and 3-13 of the TM.



This is a selected list of recent pubs of interest to organizational maintenance personnel. This list is compiled from recent AG Distribution Centers Bulletins. For complete details see DA Pam 310-4, DA Pam 310-6 and DA Pam (C) 310-9.

TECHNICAL MANUALS

TM 5-3805-254-14&P-2 Jun Truck, dump, 20-ton, 6 x 4, on-off highway 71,000 GVW IHC Mod F-5070 (CCE)
 TM 5-4310-362-14 Jul Compressor, recip electric 5-CFM, 175-PSI Mod 20-904
 TM 5-4310-363-24P Jul Air compressor, recip 15-CFM 175-PSI Bauer Mod KAB-545-15
 TM 5-4310-367-24P Jul Compressor, recip, air, 8-CFM, 175-PSI, GED, Distributors Mod 20-905
 TM 5-4520-244-24P Jul Heater, duct type portable trailer mtd, 400,000 BTU/HR Fiesta Mod FC-400-1

TM 5-6675-296-24P Jul Theodolite, Wild Heerbrugg Mod T2-68 Mil
 TM 5-6675-304-12 Jul Survey electronic dist meas eqpt, Infrared Mod DM-60 (M-1)

TM 9-1336-488-12&P May Warhead section, missile, practice It M252
 TM 9-1410-586-24P Jun Chaparral
 TM 9-1415-429-12 Aug Stinger
 TM 9-1425-480-L Jun Dragon
 TM 9-1430-381 Jun Jun Ground networks—Pershing 1A
 TM 9-1430-385-20P Jun Computer, Pershing 1A
 TM 9-2320-260-10-1 Aug 5-ton M800-series trucks

TM 9-2350-215-20-2-1 Jul M60A1/M60A1 AOS tank turret
 TM 9-2350-215-20-2-2-1 Jul M60A1 and M60A1 tank turret
 TM 9-2350-215-20-2-3-3 Jul M60A1 and M60A1 AOS tank turret
 TM 9-2350-215-20-2-3-4 Jul M60A1 and M60A1 AOS tank turret

TM 9-2350-257-20-2-1 Jul Tank turret M60A1 RISE, RISE passive
 TM 9-2350-257-20-2-2-2 Jul Tank turret M60A1 RISE, RISE passive
 TM 9-2350-257-20-2-3-1 Jul Tank turret M60A1 RISE, RISE passive

TM 9-2350-257-2-3-2 Jul Tank turret M60A1 RISE, RISE passive
 TM 9-2350-257-20-2-3-3 Jul Tank turret M60A1 RISE, RISE passive
 TM 9-2350-257-20-2-3-4 Jul M60A1 RISE, M60A1 RISE Passive tank turret
 TM 9-6130-485-14 May Lance
 TM 9-6920-430-14 Aug Stinger

TM 10-5410-222-23P/1 Jul Shelter, inflatable MUST
 TM 11-1290-387-20 Sep AN/TNS-10 sound ranging set
 TM 11-1520-238-20P Jun Electronic AH-1S (prod)

TM 11-2300-459-14&P-4 May MK-

1810/VRC electronic eqpt install kit w/difference and remote audio installation kit for M882 or M892 trucks
 TM 11-2300-459-14&P-5 May MK-1817/VRC-46 electronic eqpt install kit
 TM 11-2300-459-14&P-6 May MK-1812/VRC-24 electronic eqpt install kit
 TM 11-5826-243-20P Aug AN/ARN-103 (V) 1 and (V) 2 navigational set
 C 5, TM 11-5840-208-20 Jul AN/MPQ-4A radar set

TM 11-5865-223-24P Oct AN/GLQ-3B countermeasures set
 C 10, TM 55-1520-210-23-1 Jun UH-1D/H/EH-1H
 C 12, TM 1520-210-23-1 Jul UH-1D/H/EH-1H
 C 13, TM 55-1520-210-23-1 Jul UH-1D/H/EH-1H
 C 7, TM 55-1520-210-23-2 Aug UH-1D/H/EH-1H
 C 5, TM 55-1520-210-PM Jun UH-1D/H and EH-1H checklist
 C 5, TM 55-1520-234-23-2 Jul AH-1S (mod)

TM 55-2840-249-23 Jul Engine T55-L7, T55-L-7B, T55-L-7C
 MISCELLANEOUS
 DA Form 2404 Apr 79 Eqpt inspect & maint worksheet
 SF Form 364 Feb Report of discrepancy (AR 735-11)

PAM 310-3 (fiche) Jul Index of doctrinal, training, org pubs
 PAM 310-4 Jul (fiche) Tech pubs index
 PAM 310-99 (fiche) Jul Obsolete pubs
 TB 55-8100-200-24 Jul Maint of reusable containers

TB MED 522 Aug Self-luminous devices—hazards
 SB 700-20 Sep (fiche) Adopted items
 SC 3433-90-CL-NO1 Nov (fiche) Torch outfit cutting and welding (LIN W67706)
 SC 5420-97-CL-E53 May Bridge erection set LIN C22126

AUDIO-VISUAL STUFF

Available at battalion or post Learning Center

TV TAPES
 TVT 55-113 Personnel rescue hoist (breeze type) Part I
 TVT 55-114 Personnel rescue hoist (breeze type) Part II
 TEC LESSONS
 010-071-6620-F Fire direction computer Part I
 030-051-6324-F M4T6 Float bridge/rail: Saddle assy, Part I
 043-441-5488-F IHPIR repair
 043-441-5531-F IPAR

transmit power check Part I
 043-441-6008-F Vulcan radar PM
 043-441-6009-F Vulcan radar maint after use
 101-113-7176-A Multimeter AN/USM-223 resistance Part I
 101-113-7177-A Multimeter AN/USM-223 voltage Part II
 101-113-7178-A Multimeter AN/USM-223 current Part II
 202-113-5220-A Test set AN/USM-181 Part II

611-171-1600-J M60-series tank Part I suspension
 611-171-1601-J M60-series tank Part II suspension
 611-171-1700-A M88A1 hydraulic
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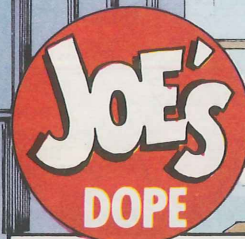
611-171-1704-A M88A1 winches
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 611-171-1705-J M88A1 spade and boom
 611-171-1706-A Impact wrench
 945-1-0063-J M113A/M577A1 cold weather starting

M880 Ignition Timing

Radio suppression ignition on some M880-series 1½-ton trucks won't let you hook up the standard-issue timing light to check ignition timing. But you can make a spark plug wire adapter for the timing light that'll let you do the job. See TB 43-0001-39-1 (Apr 80), Page 2-53, for instructions.

Wash After Use

LSA and PL-S lubes do a great job for your weapons, but not for your health. The lubes can irritate your skin. So, when you finish using them, wash your hands as soon as possible, especially before you eat, drink or smoke. Also keep the lubes away from food and food containers.



To Hit 'Em...

You Gotta See 'Em!





S-SANTA!

I-I CAN'T B'LIEVE IT!
Y-YOU'RE REALLY HERE!!

'COURSE YOU BELIEVE, SON, OR I WOULDN'T COME...

NOW-- LOOK THESE BINOCULARS OVER!



SHHHH!

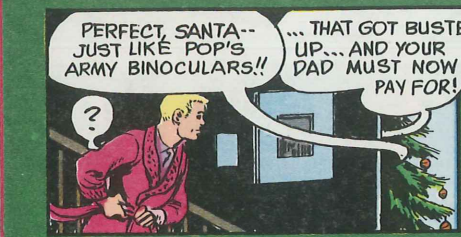
THANKS, SANTA, FOR DELIVERING THIS MESSAGE...

B-BONNIE!



...AND GREETINGS TO TIMMY AND HIS DAD, SPEC WILSON! NOW ABOUT THE BINOCULARS...

IN THE ARMY, OPTICAL GEAR MUST BE LOOKED AFTER AS THOUGH ONE'S LIFE DEPENDS ON IT... IT DOES!



PERFECT, SANTA-- JUST LIKE POP'S ARMY BINOCULARS!!

... THAT GOT BUSTED UP... AND YOUR DAD MUST NOW PAY FOR!

Y-YOU KNOW 'BOUT THAT, SANTA?

CERTAINLY, TIMMY!



?!?



WHEN I REQUESTED THIS GIFT FOR YOU, MY ADVISOR CLUED ME IN--AND SHE ASKED ME TO PASS SOME ADVICE ON OPTICS FM TO ITS USER.

GEE!



... SO I BROUGHT ALONG ANOTHER GIFT, COURTESY MY ADVISOR...



...A TV TAPE THAT SHE MADE UP SPECIAL!!

HERE-- SLIP IT INTO YOUR PLAYER!

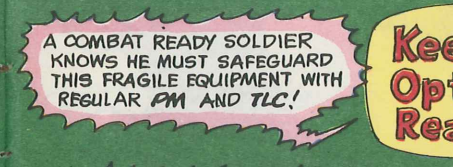


GOOD SHOW, TIMMY!
SURE, SANTA!

NOW, SPECIALIST WILSON... DON'T SKULK IN THE DOORWAY! COME IN AND WATCH THIS!

BONNIE MEANT IT FOR YOU ANYHOW!

?GULP?



Keeping Optics Ready

A COMBAT READY SOLDIER KNOWS HE MUST SAFEGUARD THIS FRAGILE EQUIPMENT WITH REGULAR FM AND TLC!

... HE LEARNS THE COMMON DANGERS TO OPTICS AND TAKES STEPS TO MINIMIZE THEM...



ROUGH HANDLING (DROPPING, BANGING AGAINST OBJECTS, ETC) IS MURDER!

AS YOU CAN TESTIFY, SPEC WILSON, THIS HAPPENS TO SMALL ITEMS LIKE BINOCULARS... PLAIN AND INFRARED.

... AS WELL AS LARGER MOUNTED ITEMS SUCH AS TANK PERISCOPES WHEN THEY ARE REMOVED FOR MAINTENANCE!

M36... watch control link!



THE SOLUTION TO THESE DAMAGE PROBLEMS, OBVIOUSLY, IS TO BE SKILLED WITH THE GEAR AND TO ALWAYS HANDLE IT WITH PROPER CARE!

NOW, SANTA, PLEASE PRESENT TO SPECIALIST WILSON THE POSTER I ALSO SENT ALONG WITH YOU...



YES, OF COURSE!

? POSTER-FOR ME?

Joe's Dope Sheet



Rangefinders, binoculars and such
Deserve your best TLC touch!
If that optical glass
Doesn't work right, alas--
Your chance at success won't be much!

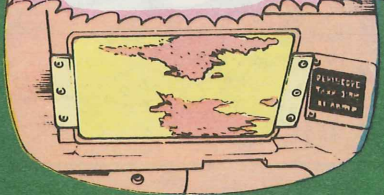
WE HAVE THE WORLD'S BEST *Take care of it*

IF YOU WANT TO DISPLAY THIS CENTERPIECE ON YOUR WALL, CUT IT OUT AND PIN IT UP.



OTHER CAUSES OF DAMAGE TO OPTIC GEAR ARE THESE...

DIRT, SMOKE, PROPELLANT ASH AND MOISTURE FROM THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT...

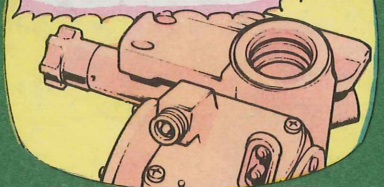


GET RID OF THEM THE RIGHT WAY.. USE A CAMEL'S HAIR BRUSH, LENS TISSUE AND THE SOLVENT APPROVED FOR THE ITEM!

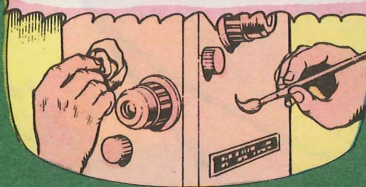


Note: Never use liquid solvent in cold weather! It'll freeze!

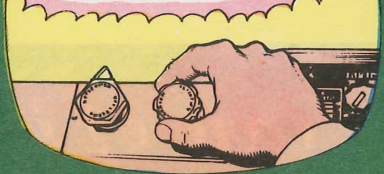
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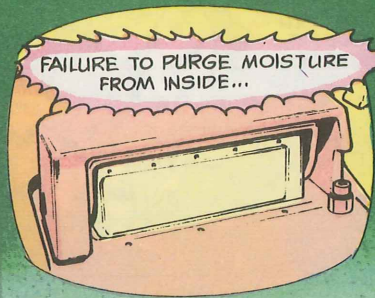
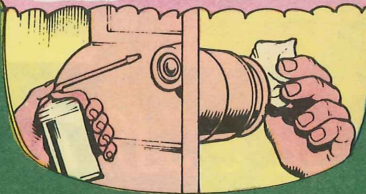
BE CAREFUL IN THEIR APPLICATION... REMOVE EXCESS OIL AFTER LUBING... PAINT ONLY TO KEEP DOWN CORROSION!



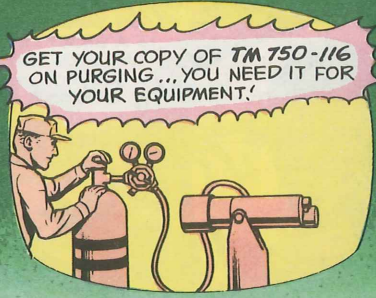
EXCESSIVE FORCE APPLIED TO SHAFTS, KNOBS, CONTROLS WHEN THEY STICK BECAUSE OF CORROSION OR LACK OF LUBE...



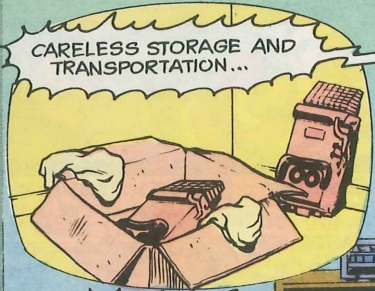
DON'T MAKE LIKE A GORILLA... FIND AND CORRECT THE CAUSE!! GENTLENESS PAYS OFF WITH ALL OPTICAL GEAR!



FAILURE TO PURGE MOISTURE FROM INSIDE...



GET YOUR COPY OF TM 750-116 ON PURGING... YOU NEED IT FOR YOUR EQUIPMENT!



CARELESS STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION...



DON'T PUT IT IN A DIRTY BOX!

CLEAN, CUSHIONED BOX ONLY FOR YOU, BABY!



NOW, SPECIAL ITEMS ARE NECESSARY...

YAWN

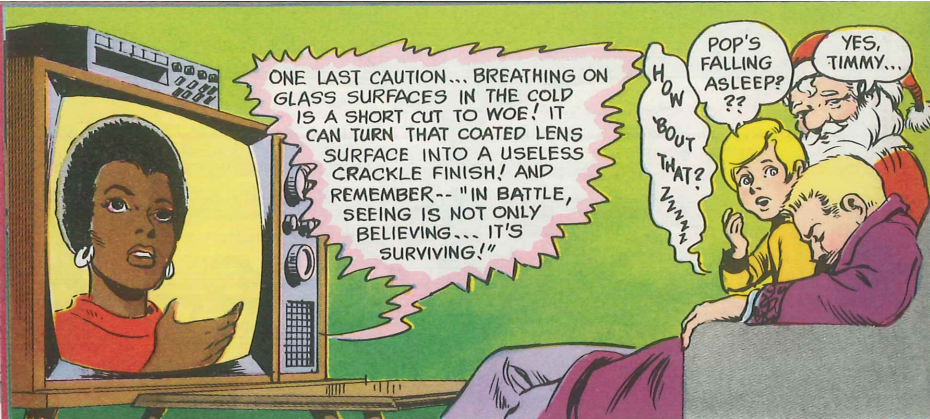
FOR CLEANUP

HERE ARE THE CLEANING MATERIALS YOU NEED...

- Lens Tissue 6640-00-559-1385 (Pad)
- Lens Dusting Brush 7920-00-205-0565
- Cleaning com- 6850-00-064-6287 pound (optical)

IF THE LIQUID CLEANER'S NOT HANDY, YOU CAN USE DENATURED ALCOHOL, NSN 6810-00-543-7415!





ONE LAST CAUTION... BREATHING ON GLASS SURFACES IN THE COLD IS A SHORT CUT TO WOE! IT CAN TURN THAT COATED LENS SURFACE INTO A USELESS CRACKLE FINISH! AND REMEMBER-- "IN BATTLE, SEEING IS NOT ONLY BELIEVING... IT'S SURVIVING!"

HOW ABOUT THAT? TMMH

POP'S FALLING ASLEEP??

YES, TIMMY...

NON-BELIEVERS CAN NEVER STAY AWAKE IN MY PRESENCE... NOR CAN THEY EVER BELIEVE THEY'VE REALLY SEEN ME!

NOW... I MUST GO, SON...

ZZ-ZZZ

THANKS FOR EV'RYTHING, SANTA!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

DAYBREAK...

HA HA! YOU TWO WAITED FOR SANTA, HUH?

YES, MOM, HE...

HEY-IT'S 0600! I'VE JUST TIME TO GET TO MY DUTY POST...

DID HE EVER COME?



GOTTA HURRY!



0658 HOURS...

MORNING, SAM... TOUGH TO HAVE DUTY, HUH?

THAT IT IS, SARGE...

BUT MY SON, TIMMY, HANDED HIS PRESENTS TO ME JUST AS I RUSHED OUT...

I'LL OPEN 'EM NOW!



HEY-IT'S BINOCULARS... LIKE THE ONES YOU DROPPED AND BROKE!

AND... AND HE GAVE ME A TV TAPE AND THIS POSTER...

HOW'D HE BUY THIS EXPENSIVE STUFF? HE JUST HAS A DOLLAR-A-WEEK ALLOWANCE?

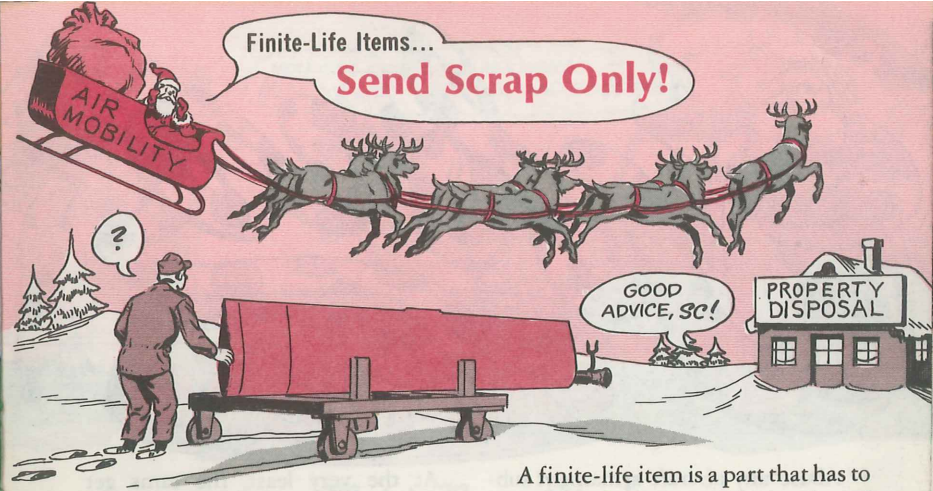
Y'KNOW... I HAD THIS CRAZY DREAM LAST NITE ABOUT BINOCOS, TV TAPE, SANTA, AN'-- HUH?

'LO, BONNIE, GLAD T'SEE YOU?

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE!

SPEC WILSON, DID YOU STUDY MY TAPE YET?

?



Finite-Life Items...

Send Scrap Only!

It's SOP to send condemned parts to property disposal for resale...makes sense!

A finite-life item is a part that has to be scrapped after a certain number of flying hours—listed in Chap 1 of each bird manual. Operating it further will result in metal fatigue and failure.

But there's one mighty important step you must take when the part is an aircraft finite-life item—break it! Then the part can't be repaired and find its way back into the supply system.

You'll find the word on how to mutilate aeronautical equipment prior to disposal in Sect IX of TM 55-1500-328-25 (Jul 72) on management procedures.

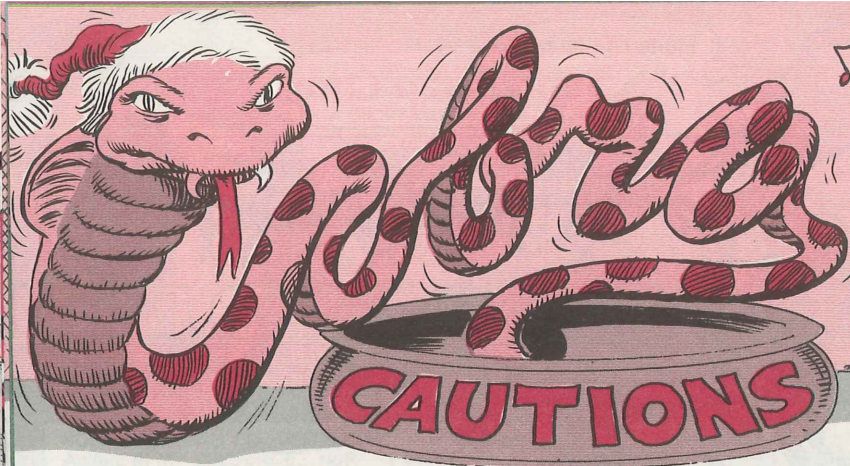
For Lighter Refills

DRAT I'M OUT OF FLUID... GET ME A NEW LIGHTER, PVT ELFTON!

... BUT REFILLS ARE CHEAPER, MR. CLAUS!

If you're in the business of keeping the butane lighter in your SRU-21/P survival vests up to snuff, you can order refills instead of a more costly lighter. A local purchase for butane refill kit, P/N A31. will get you a case of 12 cans at a cost of \$30. One can is good for 60 refills. Your supply support can order from Lifesaver Products Inc, 6210 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90048.

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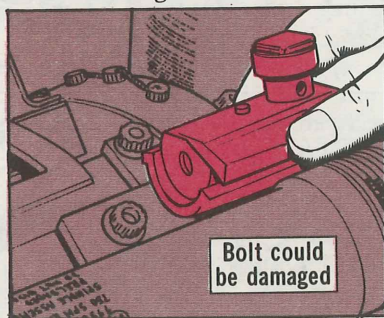
Abuse any aircraft armament sub-system and it won't perform as advertised...could be embarrassing!

Take the 20-MM M197 cannon in your AH-1S (ECAS) and AH-1S (Modernized).

Some troops walk by and spin the barrels—in the wrong direction, no less.

What happens when you turn the barrels the wrong way (counterclockwise as you face the weapon)? Plenty—and it's all bad!

The bolt roller hits the locking/unlocking cam where it's not beveled. You could get a broken bolt or break the firing contact.



At the very least, the cams get gouged or chipped. If stoning or other corrective action won't restore the cam to service, parts have to be replaced.

Fact is, damage could result to any of the related parts—items 6, 7, 9 in Fig 3-18 of TM 9-1090-206-12 (draft).

The Caution on page 3-135 of the weapons pub says nobody should rotate the barrels counterclockwise.

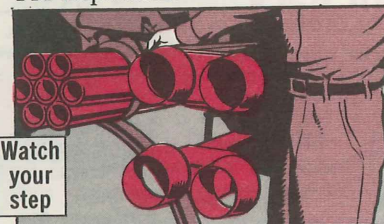


'Course, only armorers should handle that baby.

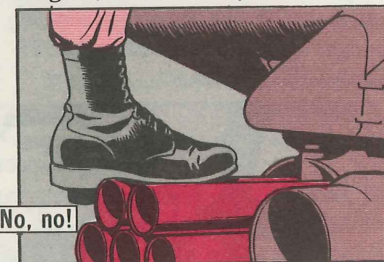


Watch Your Step!

Pilots and crew chiefs routinely climb around the Cobra to pull their PM inspections.



One place you never plant your brogans, tho, is on any launcher. The



gunner won't be able to hit the broad side of a barn because the boresighting will be thrown off.

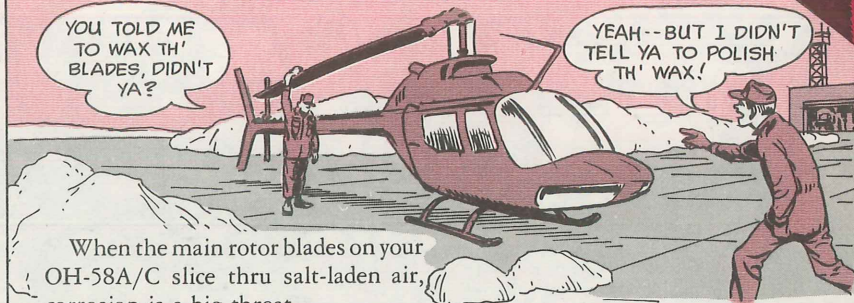
When the disposable 2.75-in rocket launcher hits the field, you really have to watch your step. That lightweight is made of thin aluminum and any foot pressure will dent it.

So give those launchers plenty of room.

Mount your bird, step in the designated areas on the wing, and watch your gunnery scores improve.



Wash and Wax Blades



When the main rotor blades on your OH-58A/C slice thru salt-laden air, corrosion is a big threat.

That's why Para 5-85 in TM 55-1520-228-23-1 (Aug 78) says you should wash the blades, as required, with mild soap—NSN 8520-00-531-6481

After the wash job, rinse the blades and use a clean cloth to dry them.

Wax the blades, but don't polish the wax. NSN 7930-00-267-5588 will get you a gallon of aircraft wax.

Send 'em Back



If you can't remove the white coating used on Huey windows for

protection during shipment, send them to the depot for rework. You can't use methyl-ethyl-ketone on windows. (NSN 1560-00-690-790) ruins 'em. You'll find the shipping details in TSARCOM Msg DRSTS-SAJB 261700Z Feb 80.

New Rescue Hoist

Hoist, high-performance, NSN 1680-01-058-3671, is ready to hit the field. If you're in a Medevac unit, it's authorized for your UH-1H/V models only.



Use Original



It's a fact that fire-resistant hydraulic fluid MIL-H-83282 replaced MIL-H-5606C at most servicing points on your Huey.

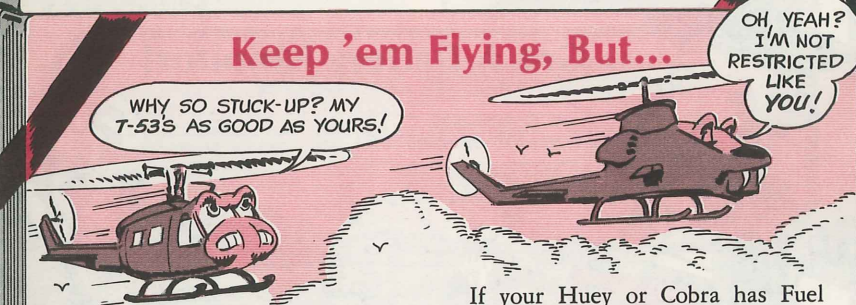
But that's not the case with the stabilizer bar dampers.

When you spot a low fluid level, add

the hydraulic fluid called for in Para 5-54a(1) of TM 55-1520-210-23 (Feb 79)—MIL-H-5606C...NSN 9150-00-180-6181.

If you mix the fluids, there's no tellin' what will happen to damper timing!

Keep 'em Flying, But...



When you birdmen receive an overhauled fuel control for your T-53 engine, it's important to know which type you have.

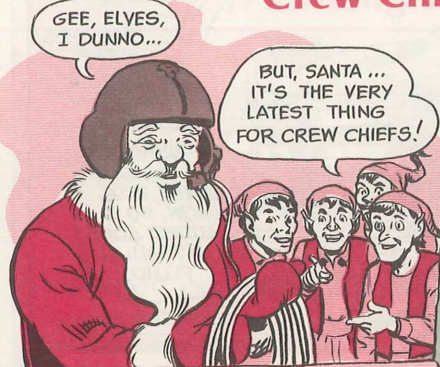
Controls with the bronze P1 bellows means your bird remains under some flight restrictions, according to TSARCOM Msg DRSTS-MEA(2) 042045Z Jun 80. It'll take some time to modify all of 'em.

If your Huey or Cobra has Fuel Control, P/N 84200A7A, NSN 2915-00-223-7004, it has the bronze P1 bellows.

The improved fuel control with a steel bellows—and no restrictions—is identified as P/N 10070A4, NSN 2915-01-005-9197.

When you use the modified fuel control, identify the engine as a T53-L-13BA.

Crew Chief's Cord



GEE, ELVES,
I DUNNO...

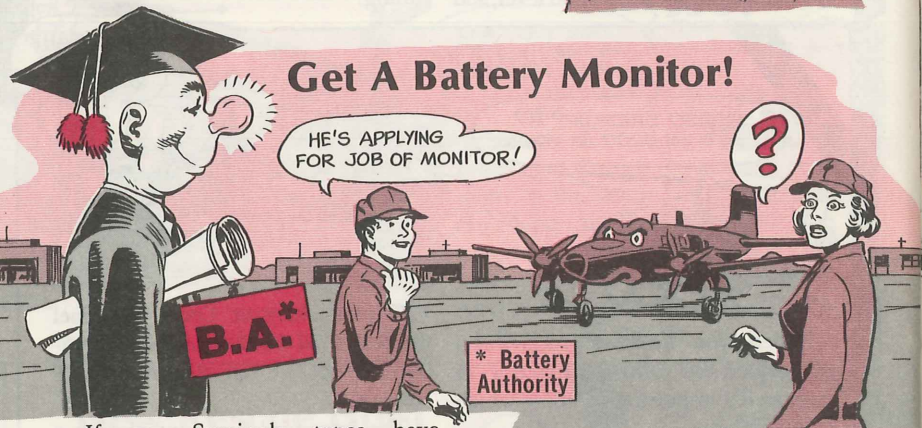
BUT, SANTA ...
IT'S THE VERY
LATEST THING
FOR CREW CHIEFS!

Dear Windy,
What's the stock number for the
crew chief's avionics cord. PN 762-
1856-102, listed in TM 55-1520-
210-23P (Mar 77)?

SSG L. H.

Dear Sergeant L. H.,
There's no stock number for it.
Your avionics support shop can make
one up for you using Connector U-
94A/U, NSN 5935-00-553-9352;
Connector MS3126F10-6P, NSN
5935-00-726-6519; Cable, electrical
WM-85/U, NSN 6145-00-635-1536.

THE PARTS
ARE LISTED
IN TM 11-
1520-210-34P
(Mar 78).



Get A Battery Monitor!

HE'S APPLYING
FOR JOB OF MONITOR!

B.A.*

* Battery
Authority

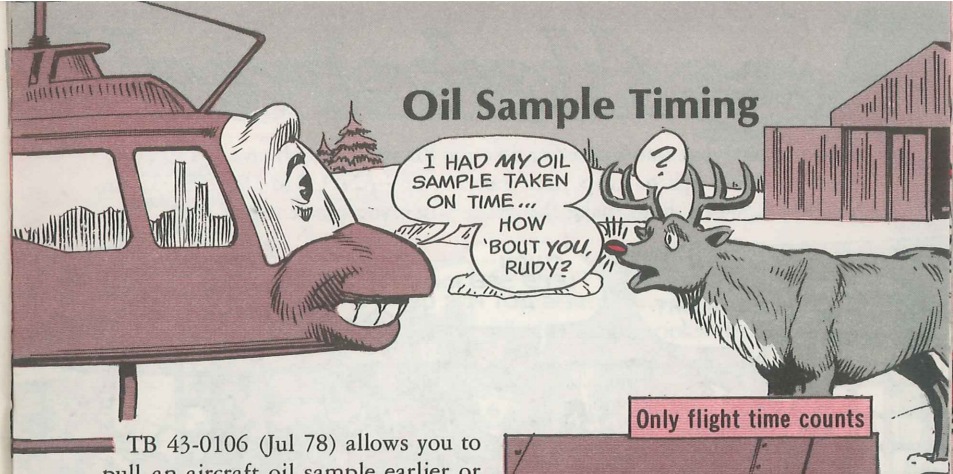
If you Seminole types have
problems with the nickel-cadmium
battery boiling over, get a battery
monitor for your U-8F.

The monitor senses battery current
and flashes a warning light to the pilot
whenever the charge current exceeds a

safe level. It's then a simple matter for
the pilot to turn off the battery.

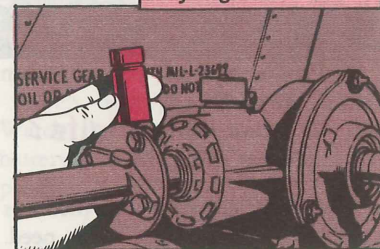
Get your AVIM unit to incorporate
MWO 55-1510-201-30-29 (Nov 78)
because the 2-year compliance date is
running out.

Oil Sample Timing



I HAD MY OIL
SAMPLE TAKEN
ON TIME ...
HOW
'BOUT YOU,
RUDY?

Only flight time counts



TB 43-0106 (Jul 78) allows you to
pull an aircraft oil sample earlier or
later than the actual time it is due. This
range makes sense because you can't
hit it right on the money.

When you schedule the next sam-
ple, figure it from the time the last
sample was taken—not from the time
it was scheduled.

Aviation Messages

If your unit has not received these
messages, check with your next higher
headquarters.
AH-1-80-17 Maint Notice: AH-1S heads
up display (HUD) night filter op DRSTS-
MEA 181404Z Aug 80

CH-47-80-10 Maint Notice: CH-47 rotary
head rainshield DRSTS-MEA 221445Z
Aug 80
GEN-80-21 Safety vest assy, hoist
operator, NSN 1680-00-992-9973
(SOPE) DRSTS-MAPL(1) 061400Z Apr
80

GEN-80-22 Safety of personnel eqpt
(SOPE) Urgent—Deadline FF-2 auto
ripcord release NSN 1670-01-008-7751
GEN-80-23 Fitting OV-1/RV-1 lap belt
assy individual DRSTS-MAPL(1)
152000Z Aug 80

Slips Count!

A new tail-rotor-control roller chain on your Huey may lose some tension 5-
10 hours after installation. So check the cable for a correct reading of 40-60
pounds. That's the word in the special inspection section of TM 55-1520-210-
23, C 3.

Clean and Bright?

It's possible for the sealing gel in Mohawk (OV-1) fuel tanks to go bad and
gum up the works. Prevent fuel starvation. Check out the JP-4 routinely, as
explained in Para 1-23 of TM 55-1510-213-23-1. Table 1-4 in the pub tells you
what to look for.



COMMO

Metered

If you expect your multimeter to do a job for you, do a job on it—a PM job. Here're a few tips to keep your multimeter—AN/URM-105, TS-352 or AN/USM-223—ready to make the grade when you put it to the test.



HEY-- CAN THAT BE SANTA?

WOW!! HE'S SURE LOST WEIGHT-- IF IT IS!

C'MON-- LET'S SEE WHAT HE'S GOT FOR US-- ?

HOHOHO-- HERE'RE SOME GREAT GIFTS FOR ALL YOU COMMO TYPES...

Ohms? Or Volts?

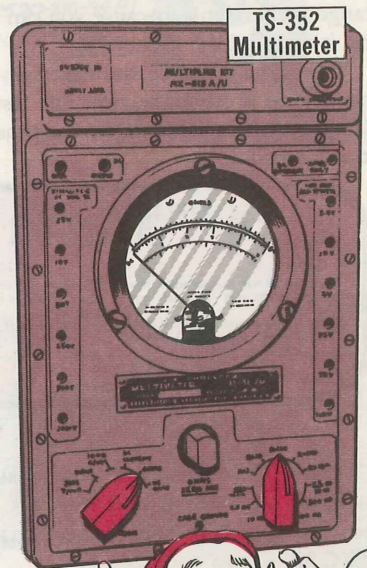
Test time? Be sure your meter is switched to the function you need. Nothing flunks out a good test set any faster than giving a voltage test with an ohms setting.

You get another "F" if your meter is scaled too low for the volts. Start with a high setting when you're not sure what to expect. A current overload can burn up your tester.

Likewise, if you're after DC voltage, that's how to switch your set, not to AC.

When you're checking continuity, be sure the gear you're testing is OFF. Once again, the killer current can hit your meter.

Save your meter's batteries too. When through testing, turn it off or set it in volts. On an ohm setting, your batteries will drain.



SET FUNCTION HERE!

PICK RANGE HERE!

Maintenance



... TIPS TO KEEP YOUR MULTIMETERS TOPS YEAR 'ROUND!

CHEEEEE! WHAT A HAM SANTA PICKED FOR A HELPER!

Speaking of Batteries

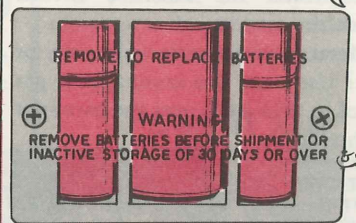
Another good way to insure passing marks for your multimeter is to take care of its dry cells.

Take 'em out when your meter'll be idle for long periods of time to head off corrosion damage from leaking batteries.

Then, when you do get ready to do some testing, make sure the batteries are in good shape. Your operator's manual shows you how to test 'em.

Keep battery polarity in mind. Watch the direction arrows in the battery case. They clue you to proper position.

YEAH! I HOPE HE TELLS 'EM TO WATCH BATTERY POLARITY AND STORAGE!



Removing batteries is especially important with the -223. Those mercury cells are likely to corrode. If yours corrode have Support put in a Mallory-type PX-21, NSN 6135-00-990-1822. That's a alkaline replacement for the BA-1312. Use NSN 6135-00-120-1010 for BA-42's.

If any battery shows signs of bulging, leaking or corroding, replace it.





Case Studies

While you're taking care of business, take care of multimeter cases, too.

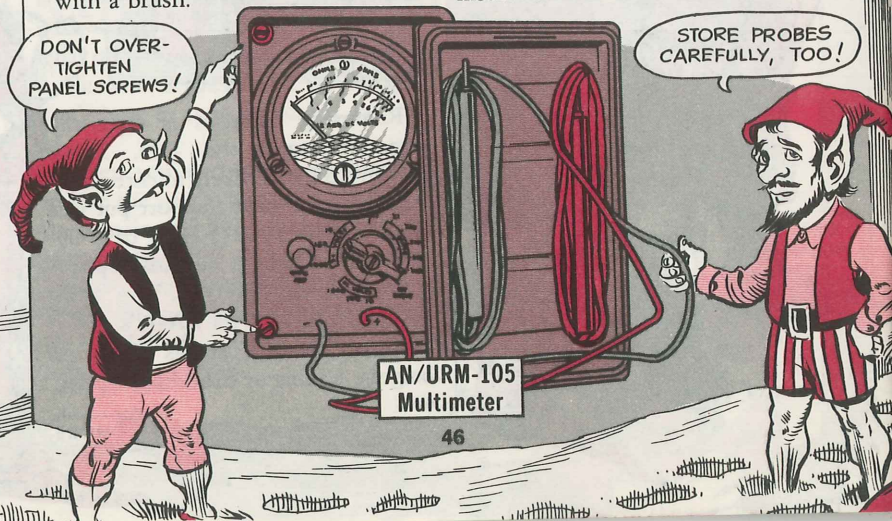
If it's plastic like your AN/URM-105's take extra care. Don't overtighten panel screws. Careful handling will protect the sensitive circuits inside the set too.

Metal case showing corrosion or rust? Use some fine sandpaper to get rid of it, then paint over the bare spot with a brush.

Keep tools or probes off your meter's face, too.

Keep probes clean and straight. That means, when you're through with 'em, store 'em away safely. If the case has a pouch or clip for probes, use it. If not, find and use another convenient secure spot.

When in use, the probes should fit snugly in multimeter jacks. If they don't, order a new set. Watch cable insulation for cuts and cracks.

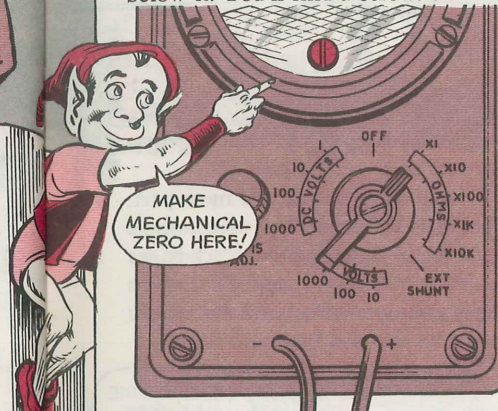


Getting A Zero

Finally, a little before-operation check. It's an extra that some troops forget.

You need a mechanical zero before you get your electrical zero. Here's how:

Check the face of your meter or just below it. You'll find a screw.



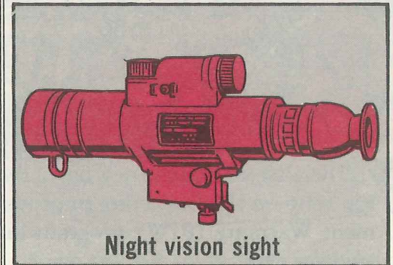
Turn it clockwise, or counter-clockwise, until the needle splits the zeros on the left side of the scale. (Make sure the function switch is set to OFF.)

You should, tho, make the zero with the meter in the physical position you'll use. Standing up, lying down or whatever. Check your work by lightly tapping the meter face with your finger after zeroing. If it moves off zero, move it back with the screw.

IF YOU CAN'T ZERO THE NEEDLE BY TURNING THE SCREW EITHER WAY, TURN THE SET IN FOR REPAIR OR CALIBRATION!

-2B Or Not -2B

If your AN/PVS-2 or -2A night vision sight has been changed to a -2B, it has a new NSN and needs to be accounted for as a new item. All of your supply records need to show this new number. AR 710-2, Para 2-7g tells you how to make the changes.



Night vision sight

The changeover, done by Sacramento Army Depot, gave the modified sight a new NSN, 5855-00-760-3869.

If you have the improved sight (automatic brightness control was added), let the supply system know.

Pass It On



Finished with this copy of PS? Pass it on to the next soldier.

It's in Writing...

Works for You

RIW



There's good and bad new out of the top shop on the Reliability Improvement Warranty (RIW) program for avionics gear.

Under RIW, the avionics' manufacturer is paid a set fee to repair his failed components for a certain period. Five or 500 repairs—it makes no difference in his pay.

That kind of a contract makes him want to make his product better. If he does, everyone wins. He spends less money fixing gear and your equipment stays on the job longer.

Now back to the news.

The good is that for the most part, operators and repair types are doing a good job of keeping those black boxes sealed and in good shape. That keeps the warranty in effect and the factory will take the part back and fix it.

HERE'RE THE AVIONICS COVERED BY RIW...

RIW Supported Avionics

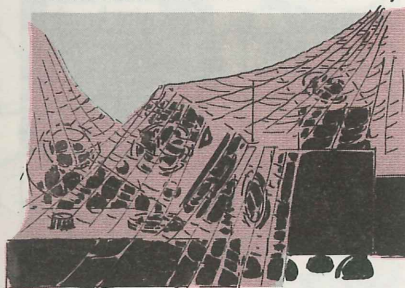
AN/ASN-128	Lightweight Doppler Navigation System	TM 11-5841-281-12,20P	SB 11-643 (Feb 79)
AN/APN-209	Absolute Altimeter	TM 11-5841-284-23+P	SB 11-642 (Mar 80)
AN/ARN-123	VOR/LOC/GS/MB	TM 11-5826-258-24,20P	SB 11-641 (May 77)
R-1963/ARN	Glide Slope, Marker Beacon	TM 11-5826-257-24	SB 11-641

The bad? Some of you make it hard on yourself.

HERE'S HOW...

About 1 of every 5 pieces returned to the manufacturer is in perfect working condition. That doesn't kill the warranty, but it takes a good piece of gear off the flight line. Check it out by the TM before you send it in.

Some units also take too long to get those failed units back to the factory.



Do it now! The supply bulletin (SB) says to mail failed parts immediately, using US Postal Service, priority, insured, return receipt requested.

The top shop's doing what it can to make returning bad parts easier. The procedure is standardized—alho the factory address is different.

One change, tho. Until SB 11-641 is revised, here are the addresses for

required electronic messages on AN/ARN-123's and R-1963's:

To: 510-955-9884 Bendix Avionics Div
Ft Lauderdale, FL
ATTN: ARN-123 Repair Service
Administrator (RIW)

INFO: 510-955-9884 DCASMA
Bendix QAR
CDRCERCOM, Ft Monmouth, NJ
ATTN: DRSEL-MME-AN
CDRAVRADA, Ft Monmouth, NJ
ATTN: DAVAA-P

MESSAGES GO TO...

Some soldiers make extra work for themselves by tossing out the packaging when a repaired part comes back. Keep it for sending a failed one in. Why go to the trouble of building a new container?

Keep your spares inventory up, too. Follow the TM and SB and notify the manufacturer by electronic message of a failure and in about 2 weeks you'll get a replacement.

Finally, to help the top shop know how reliable your gear is, be sure to note the installation/removal info on the component label.

If you have any questions, suggestions, gripes or problems involving RIW ...

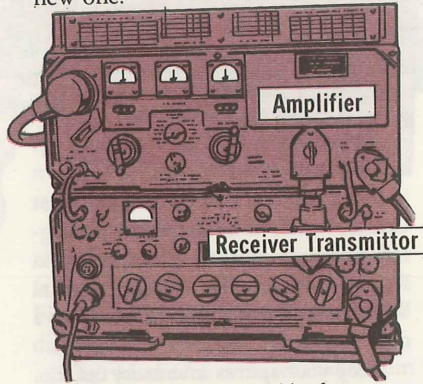
LET THESE PEOPLE KNOW...

Commander
US Army Avionics R&D Activity
ATTN: DAVAA-S/ILS
Ft Monmouth, NJ 07703

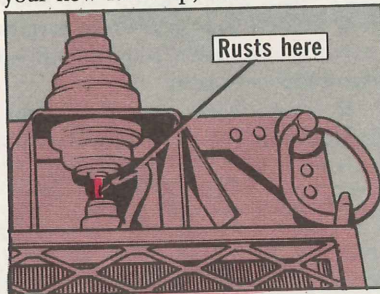
Rust Burning You Up?



If you fry an amp on an Angry-106, take a look around before you plug in a new one.



Your first look should be for rust on the contact of the AB-652 mast base. Rust can prevent transfer of power to the whip antenna—and that will burn your new radio up, too.



Find some rust? Sic your support folks on it.

HERE'S WHAT CAUSED YOUR ANGRY-106 TO BURN UP, SOLDIER!

RUST ON THE ANTENNA MAST BASE?

I DIDN'T KNOW RUST COULD DO THAT!

Before you org mechs start cleaning it up, be sure the radio is off and the base is out of its mounting.

Clean the outside of the contact with sandpaper or a wire brush. Once it's clean, coat with Silicone NSN 6850-00-880-7616.



Then, loosen the nut and look inside the contact. If it's rusty, take a small brush like the one in your rifle cleaning kit. Coat it with bore cleaner or Cleaning Compound NSN 6850-00-105-3084. Run that over the contact until it's clean.

Keep things that way by scoping out the mast base at each PM session.

Too Tight's Not Right



Y-YES, SGT. BANNER... I TIGHTENED THOSE TURN-BUCKLES... W-WHY?

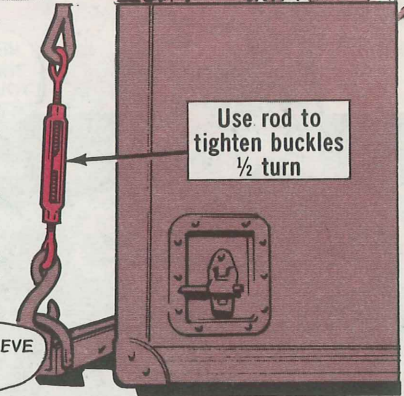
GRRR...RRR!

RRR-RRIP!

Tightening tiedown turnbuckles to secure your commo shelters is no job for the Incredible Hulk.

In fact, too much muscle can damage the shelter, the vehicle, or both. So, do it the easy way:

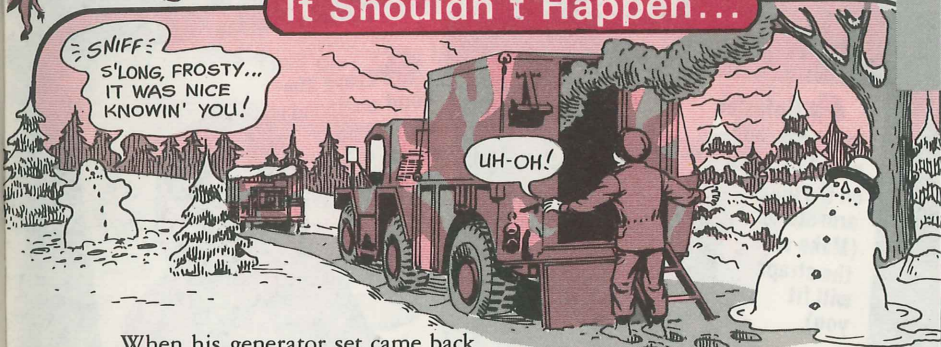
First, tighten each turnbuckle equally. Get 'em as snug as you can by hand. Then, add a half turn on each tiedown by putting a rod—a crowbar, for instance—through the buckle.



ERR... I DON'T B'LIEVE THAT BAR WILL WORK, SARGE!

It Shouldn't Happen...

SNIFF! S'LONG, FROSTY... IT WAS NICE KNOWIN' YOU!



When his generator set came back from the shop, SGT K.W. figured he didn't check its output voltage. When everything was OK and hooked it up he sent power to his rig...well, let's to his RATT rig. Unfortunately, he just say he was really cookin'.

STORING

the

M17/M17A1

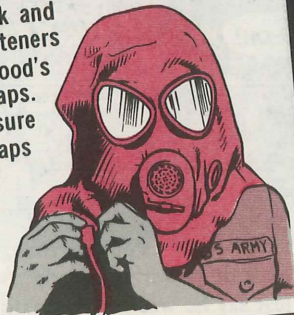
MASK

Leave the M6A2 hood attached to your M17/M17A1 mask when you store it in the M15A1 carrier.

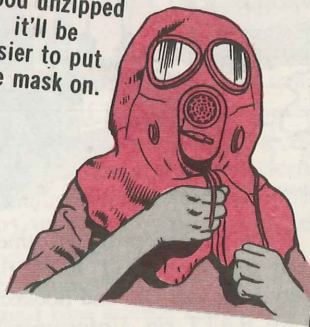
It'll save you a few precious seconds if you're under an NBC attack.

HERE'RE
THE STEPS
YOU SHOULD
FOLLOW...

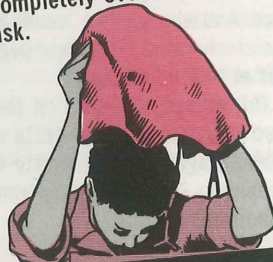
1 Unfasten the hook and pile fasteners on the hood's arm straps. (Make sure the straps will fit you).



2 Leave the hood unzipped so it'll be easier to put the mask on.

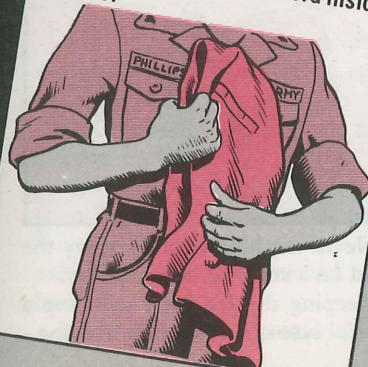


3 When you unmask, pull the hood completely over the front of the mask.

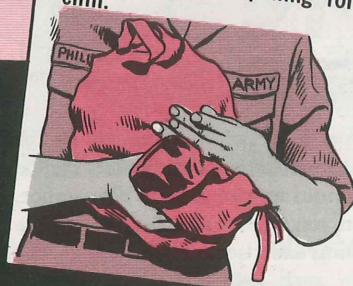


4 Hold the front of the mask in a horizontal position and smooth the hood over it.

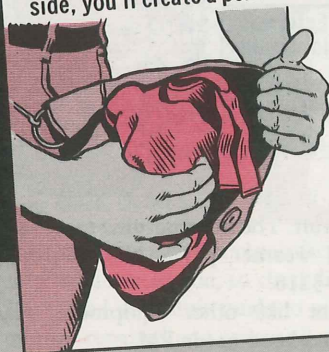
5 Fold the 2 edges of the hood over the inlet valve to create a "V" in the front of the hood. Store the arm straps and pull the cord inside the "V."



6 Fold the "V" upward to the left side of the mask if you're righthanded and to the right side if you're lefthanded. Don't let the hood cover the opening for the chin.



7 Hold the mask upright and put it in the carrier facing out the carrier opening. Let the harness swing free when you store the mask in the carrier. If you pull it to either side, you'll create a permanent set.



Extreme Cold Weather Hood...

Fluffing the Ruff

SO HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NEW HOOD, SC?

FINE! BUT SEE IF YOU GET IT IN RED, 'STEAD OF OD!

HERE'RE A COUPLE OF PM TIPS THAT'LL KEEP THE FUR SOFT AN' COMFORTABLE...

1. Keep frost and snow brushed off the fur ruff as much as possible. Wet fur becomes matted and stiff. It irritates your skin and eyes when you pull it close to your face. And who needs a "sandpaper" facial when the temps are pegging out at -20°F and lower!

Oil, grease, and mud on the fur also makes it uncomfortable when rubbing against your pretty face. Keep the fur ruff as clean as conditions permit.



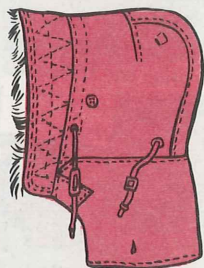
Keep it clean!

2. Hand wash the hood with a mild detergent in lukewarm water. Rinse thoroughly in clean water, shake out, and drip dry.



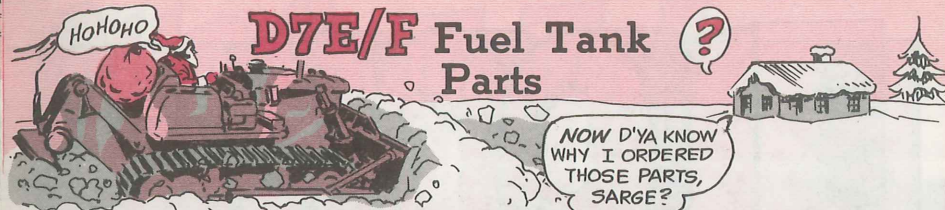
Hand wash only!

Extreme cold weather hood



fur ruff. The hood buttons to extreme cold weather parka NSN 8415-00-782-3216.

But like other equipment, your furred hood needs PM.

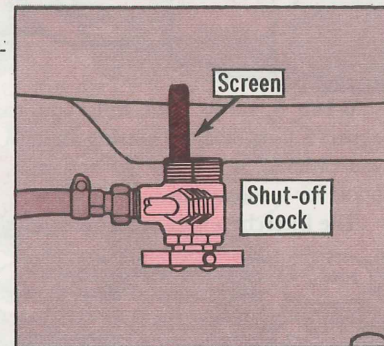


D7E/F Fuel Tank Parts

Forget the SMR codes for the fuel tank drain valve assembly NSN 2990-00-948-7038 used on your Model D7E and D7F Caterpillar tractors.

The codes say the valve assembly can be requested as a part. Not so. You have to put it together, like the AMDF says.

Use NSN 2910-00-932-0819 for the shut-off cock, and NSN 2990-00-948-9761 for the fuel valve screen.



LCU 1466...

Engine Room Fan Motor

NEVER EXPECTED THIS KIND O' SERVICE WHEN YOU SENT THAT MOTOR FOR REPAIR!



HOHOHOHO! GOT A FAN MOTOR FOR YOU!

These firms repair the fan motors...

...INCLUDING REMINDING THE STATOR AND ROTOR!

General Electric Co
Apparatus Service Shop
1403 Ingram Ave
Richmond, VA 23224

General Electric Service Shop
1286 West Ninth St
Long Beach, CA 90813



The engine room fan motor—PN5BC66AB2177—is no longer in the supply system. Support for 'em is limited to replacement of bearings and brushes.

If the fan motor's on the blink, and it'll take more'n brushes and bearings to get it working, try cannibalization...or a commercial repair facility.

No luck at the can point?

Other electric motor repair facilities may be closer to you, so check before you spend your unit funds to get the motors repaired and returned.

Long
Delay
On
Item?...

LOOK for a

When a status card tells you to expect a long delay in getting an item you ordered, don't just sit and wait. Look for a substitute.

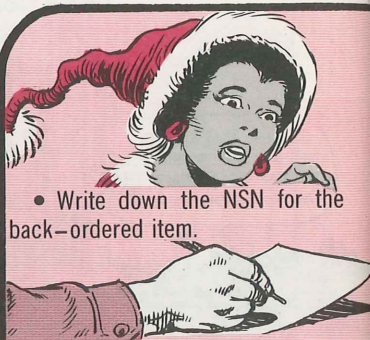
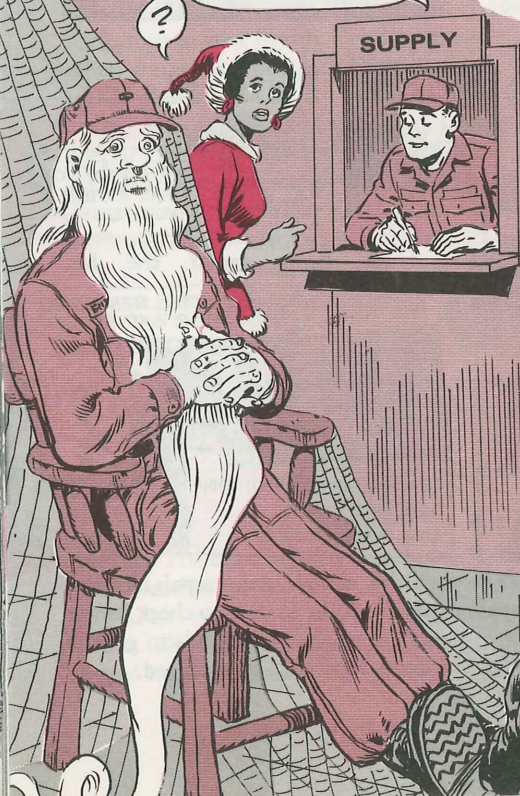
The Interchangeability & Substitute

(I&S) microfiche does not list major end items but it does carry a bunch of items that pinch-hit for one another. So where do you find 'em?

Right there at your fingertips in the same envelope that brought you the Army Master Data File (AMDF).

The I & S microfiche is issued quarterly (Feb, May, Aug, Nov), so hold onto it until you get a new one.

HIM...? OH, HE'S WAITIN' FOR A PART... STATUS CARD SHOWS THERE'D BE A DELAY!



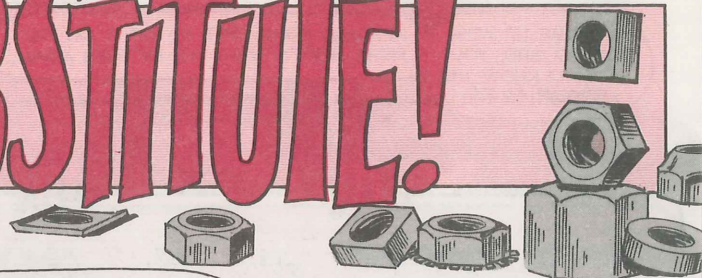
• Write down the NSN for the back-ordered item.

• Find the Index page covering that NSN and put it on the viewer.



• Find the back-ordered NSN in the Described NSN column. It's the first column to your left on each page.

SUBSTITUTE!



PULL OUT YOUR I+S MICROFICHE AND WE'LL CHECK IT OUT TOGETHER!

GOTCHA, BONNIE!

THE I+S FICHE IS DIVIDED INTO 2 PARTS-- AN INDEX AND A GROUP FILE!



I & S Index File

THE INDEX FILE WILL GET YOU STARTED IN YOUR SEARCH FOR A SUBSTITUTE ITEM! HERE'S HOW IT WORKS...



• Write down the NSN in the Preferred NSN column—the next column over from the Described NSN column. Don't worry if the preferred NSN is the same as your back-ordered NSN. You'll still need it when you go to the Group File.

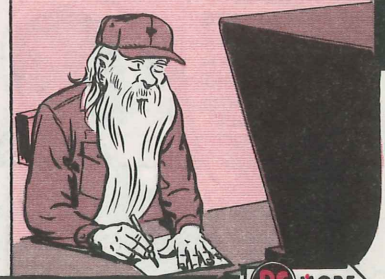
Back-ordered NSN

DESCRIBED NSN

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1015-00-342-1133
1015-00-772-7373
1015-00-779-6027
4935-00-083-8269
4935-00-084-8403
4935-00-084-8404
4935-00-084-8406
5120-00-227-7319
5120-00-236-2100
5120-00-236-2127
5120-00-277-9490
6645-00-013-5692
6645-00-013-5692

PREFERRED NSN

1015-00-078-5502
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6645-00-397-6254
6645-00-397-6254



TO COME UP WITH A GOOD SUB, YOU HAVE TO KNOW THE GROUP FILE!

READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ON THE FICHE, HERE'S WHAT THE ENTRIES MEAN...



PREFERRED NSN	NOMENCLATURE	S G	S C	DESCRIBED NSN	ORDER-OF-USE	
					1	2
4935-00-084-8403	OSCILLATOR RADIO	A	A	4935-00-083-8269	AA	BA
		B	A	4935-00-084-8404	BA	CA
		C	A	4935-00-084-8406	CA	DA
		D	A	4935-00-084-8403	DA	

• **Preferred NSN** is the NSN that got you into the file. It may or may not be the one you need.

• **Nomenclature** gives you the name of the items in the group.

• **Sub-Group (SG)** letter tells you the relationship of the items within the group. Items with the same SG letter are interchangeable. Those with a different letter are substitutes—but only within a certain order-of-use.

• **Sequence Code (SC)** letter identifies the preferred order-of-use within the same Sub-Group. Sequence Code A for an item in Sub-Group A, for instance, is used before Sequence Code B in the same Sub-Group.

• **Described NSN** lists the NSN's of the items suitable for swapping. Watch it, tho, the first NSN on the list may not be the one you need.

• **Order-of-Use** columns have the codes needed to sort out the described NSN's. The 2-letter codes in both of the Order-of-Use columns combine the letters in the SG and SC columns.

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		C	A	4935-00-084-8406	CA	DA
		D	A	4935-00-084-8403	DA	

BA SWAPS ONLY FOR BA, CA FOR CA AND DA FOR DA! BA CAN'T BE SWAPPED WITH DA!



PREFERRED NSN	NOMENCLATURE	S G	S C	DESCRIBED NSN	ORDER-OF-USE	
					1	2
6645-00-397-6254	WATCH	A	I	6645-00-237-7065	DA	
		B	A	6645-00-111-6019	BA	EA
		C	A	6645-00-718-3022	CA	CB
		C	B	6645-00-882-9799	CA	CC
		C	C	6645-00-013-5692	CA	EA
		D	A	6645-00-414-8277	DA	EA
		E	A	6645-00-727-3014	EA	FA
		F	A	6645-00-202-1101	FA	FB
		F	B	6645-00-396-6254	FA	

A NUMBER IN THE SEQUENCE CODE COLUMN MEANS THE PREFERRED A ITEM IS UNSUITABLE FOR USE!



PREFERRED NSN	NOMENCLATURE	S G	S C	DESCRIBED NSN	ORDER-OF-USE	
					1	2
1015-00-078-5502	COVER MUZZLE BRAKE	A	A	1015-00-342-1133	AA	AB
		A	B	1015-00-772-7373	AA	AC
		A	C	1015-00-779-6027	AA	AD
		A	D	1015-00-078-5502	AA	

ALL ITEMS IN THIS GROUP ARE INTERCHANGEABLE. NO MATTER WHAT YOU REQUEST, ONE OF THE NSN'S WILL BE ISSUED USING THE ORDER-OF-USE-CODE.



Look up the AB NSN on the AMDF first. If that AB NSN is not on the AMDF, try the AC NSN next and then the AD NSN last.

Before you order a substitute, though, check your stocks. You may even have that sub on hand. No? Then whip out a request form and order it.

But keep the other NSN's handy to use later just in case your request for that choice bounces.

If you have a sub NSN on hand, or if you order a sub, remember to cancel your first request.

WANT MORE INFO? THE CODE REFERENCE GUIDE FOR THE ARMS MONTHLY AMDF FILE, USACDA PAMPHLET 18-1 (Oct 79) HAS THE DETAILS.



Overcoming the Identity Crisis

Those Non-NSN Items...

There are rules—and then there are exceptions to the rules.

Supply's no different. Even with the new part number item policy in DA Cir 700-29 Supply Requisition Processing (Apr 80) and Change 6 to AR 710-2, exception data supply requests are alive and well in the US Army.

Here's the run-down. For your items that have a part number and Federal Supply Code for the Manufacturer (FSCM) listed in a TM, FM, SC, SB, supply letter, GSA catalog or manufacturer's pub, fill out a DD Form 1348-6—unless you have a prepunched DA Form 2765 on the item.

• 5-part (digit) FSCM plus part number in Columns 8-22. (If your FSCM and part number add up to more than 15 digits put them in Block 1 in the Identification Data Section.)

• Write your document number DODAAC, priority demand code, unit of issue and quantity you need on the request and send it on.

• The pub, catalog, supply list or whatever covers that part. (The Code—A for a pub reference, B for end item identification, C for noun description or D for drawing or spec number—goes in Column 70. Put the pub or drawing number, identification or noun in Columns 71-80.)

• Weapons/Equipment System Designator Code (W/ESDC) if one's been assigned to the part's end item. Use the Type Requirement Code when ordering end items.

• Any special funding code.

• For aircraft parts only—the serial number of the aircraft.

• If the end item model affects the part you need, give the make and model of the end item.



No further work needed. Support'll get you the item or feed that request to computer for you, pronto.

Items with more than 15 digits in the FSCM and part number have to be handled manually—outside the computer—so you'll have to wait a while on those.

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86403 CHRYSLER CORP.																																										
3. MANUFACTURER'S CATALOG IDENTIFICATION AND DATE										4. TECHNICAL ORDER NUMBER																																
5. TECHNICAL MANUAL NUMBER										6. NAME OF ITEM REQUESTED																																
										HOOD																																
7. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM REQUESTED										7a. COLOR																																
										7b. SIZE																																
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Item in TM 9-2320-266-34P, dated Feb 78, figure 76, item 1.																																										

No-Number

But some items need a little babying. Maybe the item has no part number. Maybe you can't find the FSCM for it. Or could be you find an NSN that's not on the Army Master Data File (AMDF).

Support needs all the help you can give 'em to get you that item.

Sure, you still fill out a DD Form 1348-6 with everything for an FSCM plus part number request. But you add some extra info.



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Requests



• Any letters, words, numbers or markings on the part? Who makes the part?

• Is there a pub reference to give support? Maybe just a pub that describes that section of the end item or illustrates the part? No? Can you sketch the part or take a photograph of it?

• What does the part look like? Describe the part and write its dimensions on the request (size, shape, color).

• Where does the part go on the end item? Get the model number of the end item, too.

• What does the part do? (Pushes, pulls, turns, chug-a-lugs, covers, seals, whatever).

The DD Form 1348-6 has blocks for all that info. Fill 'em in —and clearly! Write what the item does and any special markings from the part in the Remarks Block.

Use the back of the form for the sketch of the part or staple the sketch or photos to the form.

Never give up on a part just because it has no part number or FSCM. You'll be surprised what a complete description and filled-out DD Form 1348-6 can do for you. But the key to that is a complete description. Skimpy info nets you nothing but a bounced request.

Those no-part number items or NSNs not on the AMDF take a little longer, of course. Support'll need time to track down their info—like the source of supply and (maybe!) price—before passing your request on.

And computers are out for that type request. It's manual all the way with exception data supply requests.

But while you wait, fire off a DA Form 2028 Recommended Changes to DA Publications—or a DA Form 2028-2—to the outfit responsible for the pub that should carry that item and NSN.

THAT WAY, THE NEXT TIME YOU NEED THE PART, AN NSN--OR AT LEAST THE FSCM AND PART NUMBER--SHOULD BE THERE!



DA Form 2408-1...
"Calling" the Signature

Trying to decide where to put your John Hancock on the DA Form 2408-1 can leave you flipping a coin.

Well, here's how to make heads or tails out of that form.

You sign in Column g if you are the:

- Operator or crew chief
- Dispatcher.

You sign in Column k if you are the:

- CO
- TAMMS clerk
- Maintenance supervisor
- Mechanic

Oldie but Goodie



1. CONT. NO. 319127	2. ORGANIZATION US Army Detroit Proc Dist	3. LOCATION Detroit, Mich	4. ORG IDENT CODE WOBWAA	5. SERIAL NO. 1892
6. NOMENCLATURE Tank Combat Ft.	7. MODEL M60	8. REGISTRATION NUMBER 9131234	9. TM NUMBER 9-2350-215-10	
10. FEDERAL STOCK NO. (MIL ITEM) 2350-678-5773	11. DATE OF MANUFACTURE	12. MANUFACTURER (Manufacturer's Code) Chrysler 12204	13. COST \$173,237.00	
14. CONTRACT NUMBER DA 30-118-ORD-13211	15. PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER DOD 18612-64	16. WARRANTY PERIOD		

The DA Form 2408-9 Acceptance—equipment with a DA Form 2408-8, or Gain Report serves as an—hold onto it. That form's still good—equipment's birth certificate. —and for the life of the equipment!

But before the DA Form 2408-9— You do not need to replace it with a—came out, the DA Form 2408-8 was—DA Form 2408-9 unless it becomes—the acceptance record. If you have—unreadable or gets lost.

17. REMARKS

18. INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE

19. JULIAN DATE

EQUIPMENT ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION RECORD (TM 39-750)

REPORTS CONTROL SYMBOL CSGLD-1055(R)

DA FORM 2408-9, 1 JAN 64

Connie's Mini Minis



Steer Breakdown Warning! Chemical Alarm for M151A2

Five of the 6 model trucks in the M915-series fleet may suffer from power steering failure. Users of the M916, M917, M918, M919 and M920 trucks should check the power steering cylinder stud ball for breakage before operation. This's the stud ball shown in TM 9-2320-273-20, pages 10-97 thru 10-103, Item 19, and in TM 9-2320-273-20P, Fig 90, Item 35. This stud ball is not on the M915 truck. More details on the steering hazard are in TARCOM Msg DRCPM-HT 282005Z Aug 80.

Forget the instructions in TM 3-6665-274-20 for installing the automatic chemical agent alarm mounting kit on your M151A2 ¼-ton truck. The straight poop is in Para 2-11 of TB 43-0001-39-4 (Jan 80).

TOW AZ Damper

Forget the article on Page 19 of PS 333. The art and info are wrong. If the azimuth damper seems wobbly, or if you have side-to-side backlash, have support check out your TOW traversing unit. Do not attempt to tighten the screws.

Supply Handbook

FM 10-14-1, Commander's Unit-level Supply Handbook (Jul 78) is a must for your supply library. It's a handy reference not only for CO's, but for all supply folks who need to brush up on supply operations and property accountability.

M578 Stall Test

Do you get stalled when you try to find the stall test for your M578 recovery vehicle? Well, fret no more. It's in Para 4 on Page 2-18 of TM 9-2350-238-20 (Mar 72).

SB 700-20 Goof

The Sep 80 update of SB 700-20 shows the wrong nomenclature for LIN W95400. The correct generic nomenclature for the item is Trailer, Cargo: ¼-ton 2 wheel W/E. NSN's under this LIN are NSN 2330-00-706-5495, NSN 2330-00-732-8227 and NSN 2330-01-046-2855. The nomenclature for these NSN's is correct in the SB 700-20.

No Dual Reporting

Never report your missile equipment twice. If you report it on DA Form 3266-1, don't report it on DA Form 2406—and vice versa. AR 750-40 tells you how and when to use the DA Form 3266-1.

Would You Stake Your Life ^{right now} on the Condition of Your Equipment?

WHERE THERE'S
SMOKE



LOOK FOR A



DIRTY



AIR CLEANER!