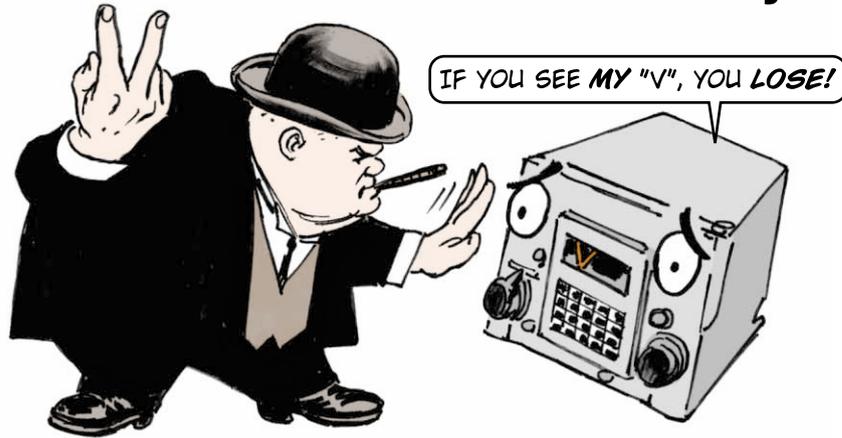
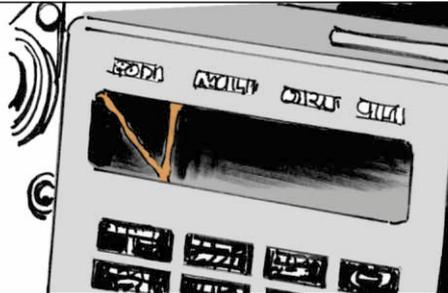


# This "V" Ain't for Victory

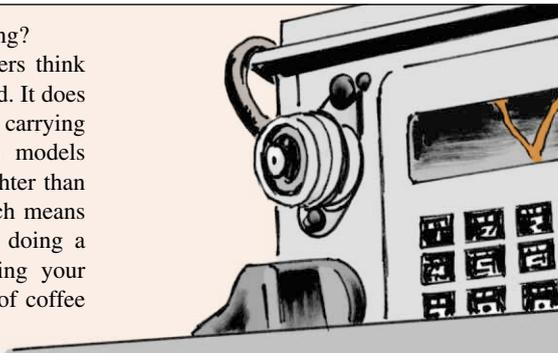


If your unit has the new advanced SINCGARS improvement program (ASIP) E-model RT, the chances are good you've seen a "V" in the display window that doesn't belong there. That "V" is a v-shaped crack and far too many RTs are showing up with them!



Why is this happening?

The educated guessers think the RT is being dropped. It does not have the built-in carrying handles that previous models had. It's also much lighter than previous models. Which means that many of you are doing a one-hand lift and filling your other paw with a cup of coffee or worse, another RT.



As you trek to and from your vehicle, the RT slips from your hand and the unprotected key pad meets the unyielding ground.

Crack!

"Aw, shucks!"

Now it's time for an about face and a slow march to the CE repair shop.

To help prevent the display from experiencing that death drop, use carrying strap, NSN 5340-01-461-4741.

The problem with the strap is that you have to want to use it. It's not permanently attached to the RT and is easily lost and easily forgotten.

The strap costs about \$5. A new keypad (which is the repair for a cracked display) costs about \$300. Seems pretty clear that the strap is the way to go.



Also, put the word out throughout your unit that the new RT is not indestructible. Carry one at a time and use both hands for the job if a strap is not available.

Finally, be aware that a snap-on ASIP display cover, NSN 5895-01-473-6804, is now available. The cover does provide some protection to your display, but should not keep you from using the strap and carrying the RT right.

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