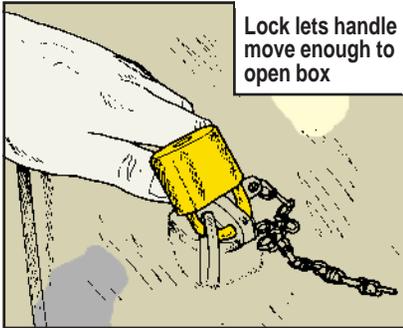


Is Your Box Locked?

Dear Editor,

The locks on the sponson boxes of our tanks don't hold the latches closed tightly enough. Even with the padlocks in place, you can turn the latch far enough to open the box!



Lock lets handle move enough to open box

Unfortunately, that allows the BII, tools, and other expensive items stored there to be "misappropriated."

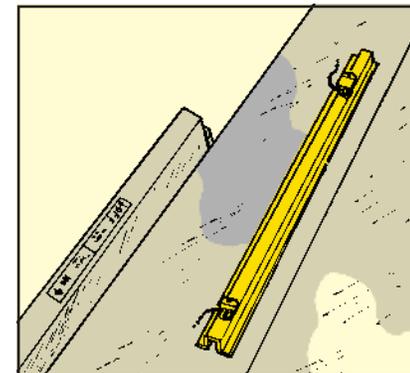
We've made a homemade lock guard that keeps the sponson boxes closed when they're locked. Here's how to make it:

1. Cut a 5-ft concertina wire picket, NSN 5660-00-270-1587, in half. Each half will make one lock guard.
2. Place the picket on top of the sponson box and mark where the staples line up on the picket.
3. Cut a 1/2 inch wide slot for each staple in the raised portion of the picket at both marks.

4. Paint the picket with CARC to match the camouflage pattern of your tank.

5. Lay the finished lock guard in place on the sponson box so that the staples show under the slots in the guard. Then lock the sponson box by inserting the padlocks through the staples.

With the lock guard in place, the handles can't be moved and your



Lock guard covers handles and keeps sponson box closed

valuables stay where they're supposed to.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE *Editor*

Looks like you've got that solution all locked up!

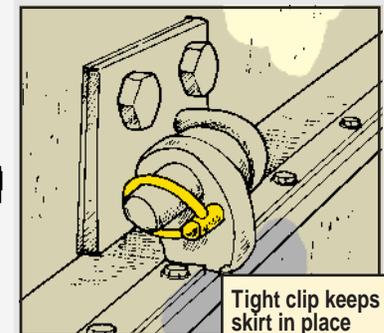
Keep Clips in Their Place



Wear and tear can take the starch out of just about anything. That includes the retaining clips on your tank's skirt pins.

After a while, the metal loop on the retaining clip doesn't hold tight anymore. If it slips loose, the retaining clip can fall out. The next thing you know, the track skirts are flapping in the breeze like yesterday's laundry.

Check the retaining clips as part of your before-operation and after-operation PMCS. If any of the clips are missing or loose, get 'em replaced right away. NSN 5315-01-136-7646 gets a new clip.



Tight clip keeps skirt in place



HEH HEH HEH

HEY, SMITH JUST TOOK OUR SLAVE CABLE.

COULDN'T HAVE! I LOCKED THE SPONSON BOX.