

Keep Safety on Your Side

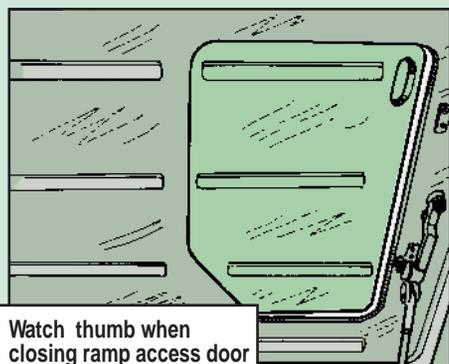
“Better safe than sorry” is a good idea when dealing with vehicles from the M113-series family.

While you’re heeding the WARNINGS already listed in your -10 and -20 TMs, here are two more you need to add.

Ramp Access Door

Most soldiers use their left hand to close the ramp access door when inside the vehicle. Unfortunately, that exposes their left thumb to danger.

If the thumb is extended, it may stick out far enough to get caught between the door and the door frame.



So, add the following WARNING to Page 2-142 of TM 9-2350-261-10 and Page 2-159 of TM 9-2350-277-10:

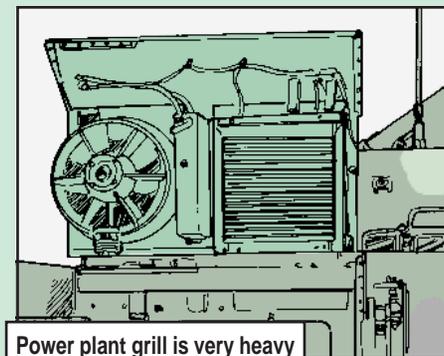
WARNING

Use of the left hand to grasp and close the ramp access door will expose thumb to being extended beyond the door’s edge leading to possible amputation when the door is pulled closed. When using left hand, use only the center of the handhold and be aware of the thumb’s position.



Power Plant Grill

You must use extra care when you remove or replace the power plant grill. It’s very heavy, so use the proper lifting equipment at all times.



Add the following WARNING to Page 5-1 of TM 9-2350-261-20-1 and Page 7-51 of TM 9-2350-277-20-3:

WARNING

When removing and installing the Power Plant Grill, you must be aware that the grill assembly will swing when the screws are removed. To avoid injury, do not stand in front of or behind the grill assembly.

Use chain and lifting device capable of lifting and holding 2,000 pounds (908 kg) securely. Inspect each and be sure your chain and lifting device are in good working order and are not damaged in any way. Do not use damaged lifting devices. They can fail with load. Soldiers can be killed or injured. Remember the grill and access cover are very heavy. Use extreme caution when lifting, blocking and lowering the assembly. Allowing the assembly to fall could cause death or injury.

Make a note of these new warnings until they’re added to the TMs.