

Watch Your Step

The starter master relay on your ACE does its job best when left alone.

Problem is, some well-meaning mechanic pulls the vehicle's floorboards for cleaning and uses the relay's protective box as a step. All that weight breaks the box's mounting bracket—shorting the starter master relay. The end result is your ACE won't start.

So, keep your boot off the relay's protective box when cleaning or doing maintenance.



Track Pads Needed??

Dear Half-Mast,

Some of the track pads on our M9 ACE are missing or in bad condition. Do we have to replace them?

SFC G.P.A.

Dear Sergeant G.P.A.,

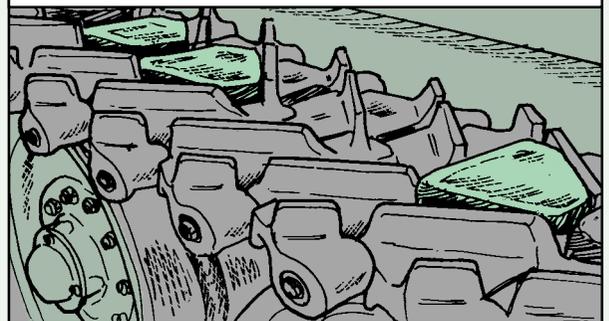
That depends. If you can get from the motor pool to the job site without damaging roads, you don't need pads. That's the word from Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM).

In most soil conditions, the ACE will dig better without pads. However, in muddy clay, the soil will clump up without pads and the ACE will lose traction and digging ability.

Need that in writing? See the March '92 issue of ACE News 'n' Views on the Internet:

<http://www.tacom.army.mil/m9ace>

Track pads aren't necessary in dirt or sand



Half-Mast

