

AT WHAT PRICE PM?



Operators, is your time worth \$19,000 a minute? \$95,000 a minute? How about \$4,500,000 a minute? How about a life?

Most checks in your before-operation inspection take no more than a minute of your time. But if you miss just one of those checks, that minute can be mighty expensive.

Say you're operating a small emplacement excavator (SEE) and you forget to check the engine's oil level. Or you assume it must be OK because it was full yesterday.

But your assumption is wrong, very wrong. The SEE developed an oil leak and all of the oil leaked out overnight. You throw a rod—the engine's shot... more than \$19,000 down the drain!

Or you take off in an FMTV 2¹/₂-ton truck without letting the central tire inflation system (CTIS) stabilize at a selected tire pressure. Or you see that the system's electronic control unit (ECU) is unhooked, but you don't report it.

With low tires, you make a quick turn down a steep hill and the vehicle rolls over. If you're lucky, you stumble out of the truck only to look at a pile of junk—smoking 'n' steaming to the tune of about \$95,000.

The stakes are **really** high when you're crewing a Black Hawk. Around \$4,500,000 in hardware. Anywhere from 3 to 12 lives—including yours.

So the only thing you miss in your pre-flight check is a bum hookup in a fuel line quick-disconnect. That's enough. You can't put a price tag on a life.

So ask yourself, "Is the minute I save worth \$19,000, \$95,000 or \$4,500,000... or the lives of others—or my own?"