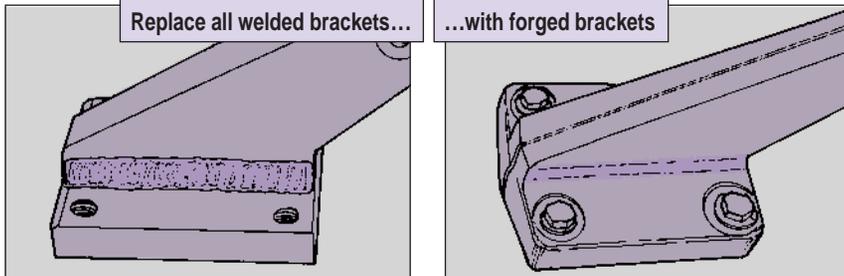


# Heads Up on Bad Bracket

Crewmen, nothing will ruin your day like having a 1,000-lb Bradley ramp fall on you. But that's what can happen if the ramp bracket breaks when you're in the way.

Though covered by only one NSN—3040-01-116-0314—two different ramp brackets are used on the Bradley fleet. One is forged and the other is welded. The welded bracket is defective and could snap.



# Bad Bracket

Check your Bradley—right now—to see which bracket is installed. If your vehicle has the welded bracket, secure the ramp in place with towing cables until you get the brackets replaced.

Follow the procedure in Para 8-7 of TM 9-2350-252-BD, Para 8-6 of TM 9-2350-284-BD, or TACOM Ground Precautionary Message 00-001 to secure the ramp. Once properly secured, you can still access the troop compartment through the ramp access door.

Don't try to order a replacement bracket through the supply system. Instead, contact Faye Gorecki at DSN 786-8257 or (810) 574-8257 or send an e-mail to: [goreckif@tacom.army.mil](mailto:goreckif@tacom.army.mil)

Provide the serial number of each vehicle with a welded bracket and a forged bracket will be forwarded by overnight express.

Mechanics, when replacing the welded bracket, reuse all of the hardware except the locknut, NSN 5310-00-959-1488, that attaches the bracket to the connecting link. A new locknut will come with the forged bracket.

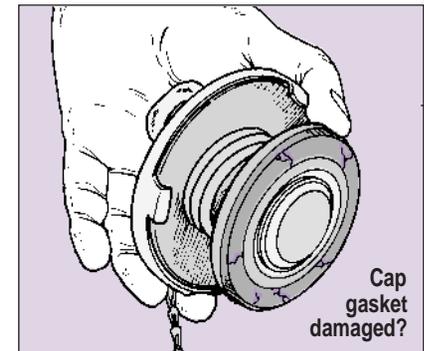
Return the welded bracket in the postage paid package that comes with the forged bracket.

## Keeping Your Cool

Crewmen, you can help your Bradley keep its cool by keeping a close eye on its radiator cap.

Ordinary use from opening and closing the cap wears down the rubber gasket inside. When the gasket wears enough, the cooling system can't pressurize properly, coolant escapes, and the vehicle overheats.

So, eyeball the gasket for cuts, tears (or unusual wear). Then report a bad radiator cap to your mechanic. He'll order a new one with NSN 5342-01-398-2835.



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