

# Step Lightly

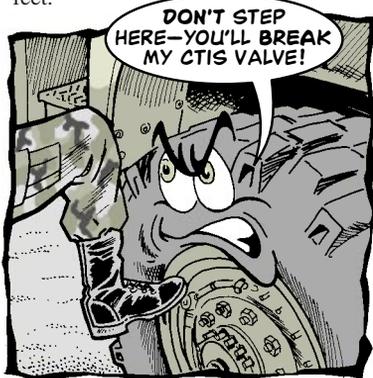
Any driver or operator who has to crawl on, around or in a vehicle knows how easy it is to put a boot on the most convenient foothold.

But that convenient foothold can cause unnecessary repair bills or breakdowns on down the road.

FMTVs in general, and the M1088 5-ton tractor in particular, have some footholds to avoid.

## All Models

The air inflation extension valves on all wheels have no guard to protect them from their greatest enemy—your feet.



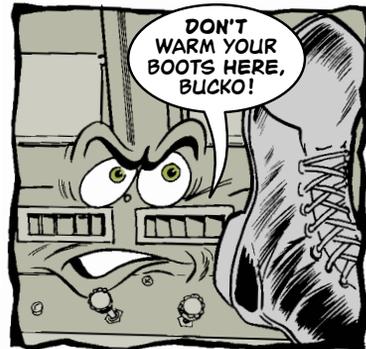
If you use the wheel as a step to climb up or down from the truck, you can break the valve. That means no more automatic inflation.

So get a mechanic to stencil NO STEP just above the valve. The stencils are part of the No. 1 and No. 2 Common shop sets.

The heater, vent and defroster push/pull knobs on an FMTV's dashboard are also easy targets for a boot's bump or kick.



With the knobs pulled out, it's easy to bump into them while moving in and out of the cab. Some passengers have even been known to rest their



boots on the top of the dash to warm their feet in cold weather.

A busted or bent knob stem won't do you much good. So keep your boots on the floor where they belong.

# and Carefully



## M1088 Tractor

When you're ready to step down from the M1088's catwalk, stay clear of the battery box—you know, where you see the NO STEP stencil.

Your weight will crack the fiberglass cover. Then water seeps through and can short out the batteries.



The floodlights mounted behind the cab often get bumped or stepped on. Your weight will break the light's mounting brackets. That snaps the wires inside the bracket. The end result is no floodlights.



## Don't Lose Drain Plugs

If you remove the floorboard drain plugs from the cab of your FMTV when you go to the wash rack, be sure to replace them when everything dries.

Otherwise, you and your passengers will get to share in the outside elements, even with the windows rolled up.

Those open drain holes will let in dirt, dust, moisture and cold air. That won't make for a comfortable trip anywhere you go.

By the way, you know better than to use a water hose in the cab, right? Restrict cab cleaning to a brush and pail—and replace those drain plugs.

Lost the floorboard plugs? Replace them with NSN 5340-01-384-0869.

