

PM on the Range



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 WHERE THE RECOVERY
 VEHICLES PLAY!
 AND SELDOM YOU'LL SEE,
 ANYTHING NMC,
 AND YOUR SERGEANT'S NOT
 SCREAMING ALL DAY!

The M88A1 recovery vehicle is a workhorse. But it'll still pull up lame if you abuse it.

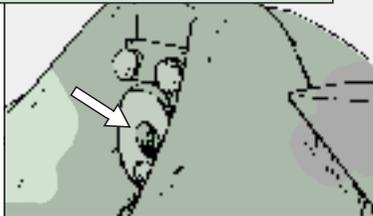
Ride your workhorse into the sunset by following these helpful hints:

Lots to Lube

Always lube and exercise your M88A1's components step-by-step like the TMs tell you. If you don't, out-of-the-way spots like the boom pins and blade latch will be missed.

If corrosion gets to either, your vehicle is out of business until support can replace the parts.

Remember to lube boom pivot pins...

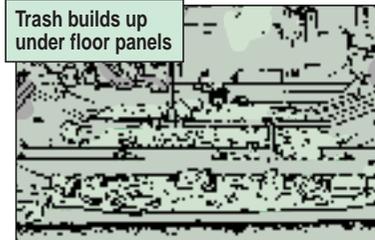


...and blade latch



The buildup is often bad enough to clog the hull drain plugs. When that happens, you'll have to pull the floor panels and shovel out the muck.

Trash builds up under floor panels



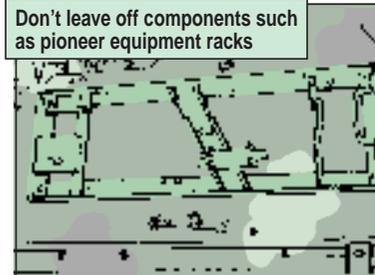
If you don't, the oily mess eventually damages wiring harnesses, hydraulic lines, fire extinguisher tubes and other parts in the hull. And if a fire should start, that muck will only feed it.

You can prevent these problems by storing trash in a plastic bag for later disposal. Then make sure you clean under the floor panels at least once a year.

Where'd They Go?

When you take off rigger seats, pioneer equipment racks, and auxiliary power unit covers for PMCS, repairs, or training, make sure you put them back on when you're through. They get lost if you forget. Then you'll have to replace them with new ones.

Don't leave off components such as pioneer equipment racks



Too **much** lube is a problem, too. Take the engine oil level, for instance.

Since the powerpack is set at a slight angle, overfilling the crankcase can cause oil to blow out the filler tube and onto the hot powerpack—especially when you're driving on a slope. That's a real fire hazard.

So check your TM and add only the amount of oil indicated by the dipstick.

Mr. Clean

Dirt and oil have a habit of building up under the crew compartment floor panels. And when you combine them with MRE wrappers, cans, paper and other trash, you've got a mess that causes all kinds of problems.