

MAINTENANCE VS

DESERT

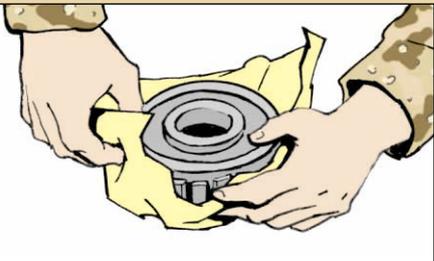


Doing maintenance in the desert is more than just a dirty job: Anything covered with grease or oil attracts dust and sand like a magnet.

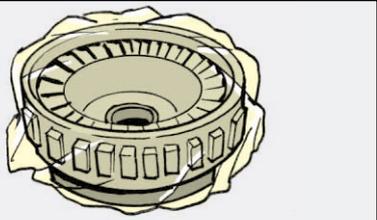
Sand and dust combine with grease and oil to make a gritty combo that works like scouring powder on metal surfaces and rubber seals.

But you can't avoid maintenance in the desert, just like you can't shut out sand and dust completely. Here's what you can do:

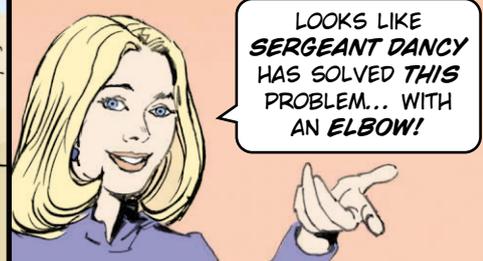
→ Keep sand and dust off repair and replacement parts while you're making repairs by wrapping greased parts with waxed paper or newspaper.



→ Use plastic wrap to keep dust and sand out of open components. NSN 8135-00-043-5331 gets you an 11½-in by 100-ft roll of this self-clinging plastic film.



Prevent Air Hose Damage



Dear Editor,

The brake system connections on M870A1 trailers are in such an awkward position that when we hook up our M916A1 tractor's air hoses, the hoses are in a tight bend. Over time, the bending fatigues the hoses, leading to leaks.

Since air hoses are not cheap, I solved the bending problem.

I installed a 45° street elbow, NSN 4730-00-595-0143, between the hose and connector on the tractor's air hoses. Then I put antiseize tape, NSN 8030-00-889-3535, on the threads to seal the connection.

The air hoses can then be hooked up to the trailer connector at an angle that won't create leaks.

Ssg Steve Dancy
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→ Use plastic bags to hold bearings and small parts like nuts and bolts that might get lost or dirty before you need them again.



Size (inches)	NSN 8105-00-837-
6 x 6	7754
8 x 8	7755
11 x 10 ½	7756
12 x 12	7757

You should also tag the bags to make sure everything goes back on exactly where it came off.

