

Watch Your Step...



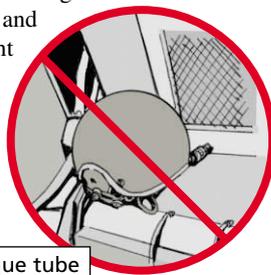
The Avenger was built light and small so it could safely ride on the HMWV, but that doesn't leave you much room for mistakes. If you put a foot or leave a wrench in the wrong place, expensive damage can quickly result.

So protect your Avenger by following these cautions:



Don't drop stuff in the turret. That can break the sight mount or gunner's hand station switches, and even poke a hole in the turret floor.

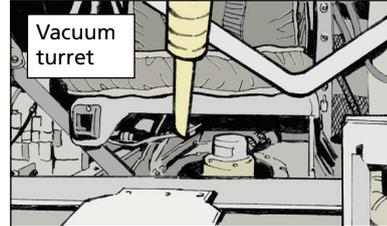
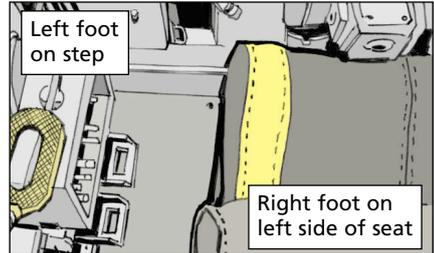
In fact, less is better when it comes to putting equipment in the turret. Duffle bags and rifles bounce around and break items like the sight mount. If you leave your CVC helmet sitting on the torque tube behind the seat, it can rip the sight mount out of the wall when the Avenger's elevated.



Keep helmet off torque tube

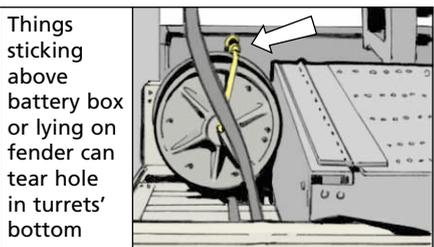
... and Your Stuff

Watch your feet. The same things that can be damaged by tossing stuff in the turret can also be damaged if you put your foot in the wrong place. Always climb into the turret by putting your left foot on the side of the turret and your right foot on the left side of the seat. Climb out by reversing that process.



Keep stuff off the fenders and don't leave stuff sticking up from the truck bed. The turret clears the fenders by only 1 1/2 inches. If you leave a tool on the fender, it can rip a hole in the turret's bottom when you traverse. Same thing happens if something like a cable reel is left sitting up beside the battery box.

Keep the gunner's compartment clean. Use a shop vac to suck up any dirt on the floor when you come back from the field. If you let dirt pile up on the floor, it can plug the inserts the seat screws into. Then when you screw in the seat's bolts, the inserts break. Until the inserts are fixed, the seat won't be stable.



Completely take off the ropes for the antennas when you raise the antennas. If the ropes are left dangling from the antennas, their metal components can bang against the turret and gouge the turret's exterior.

Tie off the remote control unit's (RCU) W80 cable to the RCU brackets. That prevents the cable from being jerked out when you remove the RCU from the truck. It's also a good idea to take the cable out of the truck before you take the RCU out. That makes it easier to remove the RCU without damaging the cable.

