

HYDRAULIC FLUID NOT FLOWING?

TRY THIS
EASY FIX...



Mechanics, when it's time to service the Apache's hydraulic system but the fluid won't flow, check the in-line filter behind the servicing connection.

If you remove the filter, you may find a small ball of rubber. That ball started out as a sliver of rubber cut from the servicing tube.

Here's the bounce on the rubber ball:

When you grab a can of hydraulic fluid and punch holes in the lid with a screwdriver, then bend in or pull out the lid with pliers, you create sharp, jagged edges around the can's opening.

As you insert or remove the servicing tube, the edges slice off bits of rubber that drop into the fluid. There, they lodge in the filter and block the flow of fluid.

Using a metal braided hose instead of a rubber hose is not the solution, either. The braided hose gets raked by the jagged edges and pieces of metal wind up in the hydraulic system, too.

The only solution is to not create jagged can edges and to be extra careful when you place the hose or tube in the can.

During the next scheduled service, open the can with a can opener, then bend the sharp edges inward and under. If you don't have a can opener handy, create a wide opening so the tube can be inserted without scraping the sharp edges.

