

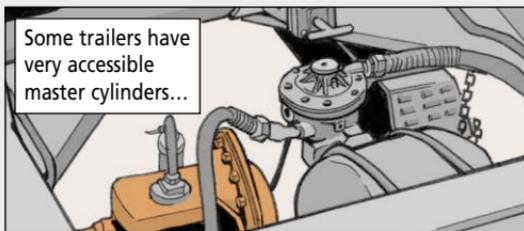
Small Trailers...

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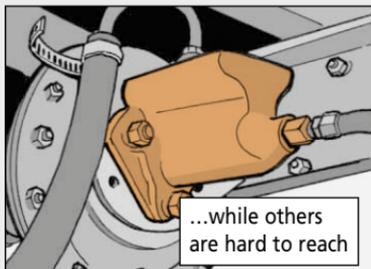
... the master cylinder on your small trailer with hydraulic brakes? If your answer is yes—even though you have to crawl underneath the trailer to see it—that's good.

At least you know that some trailers, like the 1½-ton models, have master cylinders under the box. Other trailers, like the M149-series water trailers, have master cylinders located out in the open, right behind the lunette.



Now, since you can see one master cylinder while standing up, that one may get a maintenance check every now and then. But when was the last time you pulled PMCS on that out-of-the-way component, the one you've got to get down and dirty to maintain?

Too many trailers have master cylinders that are filled with water or rust instead of brake fluid. It's a sure sign that PMCS is not being done. It's also proof that your trailer's brakes are not going to do their job.



So grab your trailer TM, pinpoint the location of the master cylinder (usually mounted on the frame next to the curbside wheel), and give it a complete going-over. Check for water and rust. If you find either, get your mechanic on the job. He's got some draining and cleanup to do.

If your cylinder is simply a little short on fluid, make sure it's added while you're thinking about it—because the master cylinder is out of sight and often out of mind.

