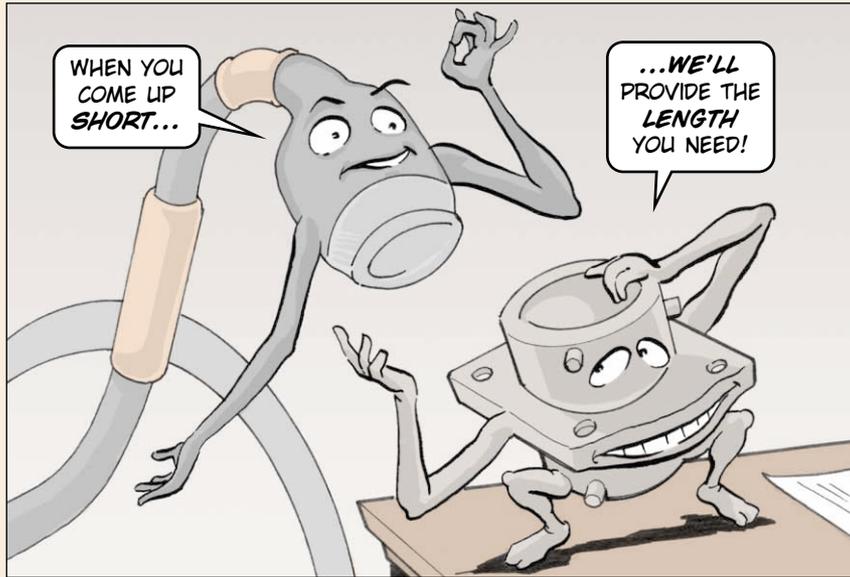


Length Counts for GDU Cables



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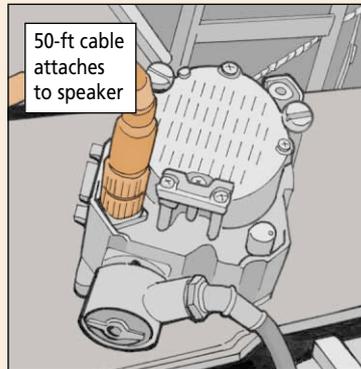
Units are having cable problems when they use the AN/GYK-29(V) gun display unit (GDU) with M198 and M119A1 towed howitzers.

M198

TM 11-7440-283-12-2 doesn't list a cable long enough to run from the truck's SINGARS radio to the GDU when it's mounted on the trails.

Order the cable you need with NSN 5995-01-358-1078. This 50-ft speaker cable connects the radio in your truck to the speaker mounted on the M198.

Then connect the speaker to the GDU using a W33A cable, NSN 5995-01-128-6425. That setup lets you receive fire missions digitally from the fire direction center as long as your radio is in single-channel plain text mode.



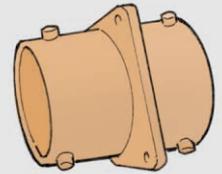
M119A1

The section chief can't keep the section chief assembly (SCA) with him while verifying data on the M119A1 because the 15-ft SCA cable is too short.

But you can fix this problem by connecting the two SCA cables, NSN 5995-01-128-6410, with an adapter connector, NSN 5935-00-879-8512. In most cases the newly combined 30-ft cable is long enough to work.

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Use adapter connector, NSN 5935-00-879-8512 to connect two SCA cables



From the desk of the Editor



I guess that's the long and short of it! CECOM took your suggestions to heart, too. They plan to add the 50-ft cable and adapter connector NSNs to Appendix D, Additional Authorization List, of the GDU's TM 11-7440-283-12-2.

M88A1 Recovery Vehicle...

WAAH! I CAN'T STOP!

WHY DIDN'T THEY BOLT DOWN MY ENGINE GRILLE PLATES?

BOLT DOWN GRILLE PLATES

As heavy as those M88A1 engine grille plates are, you wouldn't think they'd move around very much. A lot of crewmen **must** believe that, since they're leaving the plates unbolted after their before-operation PMCS.

Despite their weight, those plates will still bounce loose and fall into the engine compartment during operation.

If you're lucky, only the engine is damaged. For an unlucky few, though, a plate will land on top of the accelerator linkage and hold it wide open.

Imagine your surprise as you let up on the gas and the vehicle doesn't slow down. Imagine your panic as you try to control several dozen tons of runaway vehicle. Imagine your funeral.

Don't take shortcuts. Always bolt down the engine grille plates before operation.

