

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR AVENGER

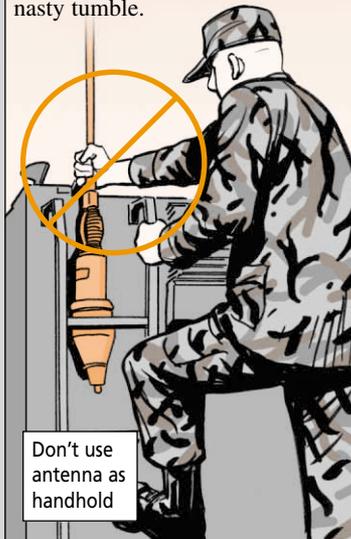
YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT WORKING AROUND ME- AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO HURT ME!

THESE CHECKS AND STEPS MAKE SURE YOU DO NEITHER.

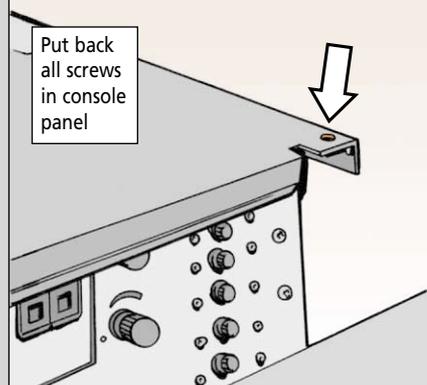
❑ Store your M16 rifle inside the HMMWV, not inside the Avenger turret. If you store your rifle upright beside the Avenger gunner's seat, it punches a hole in the gyro housing when the missile pods are lowered. So store it in the brackets inside the truck cab. That's what the brackets are for.



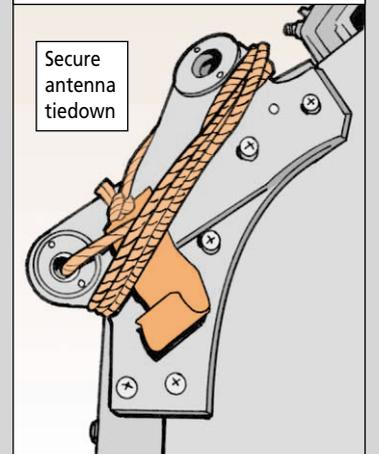
❑ Don't use the antenna as a handhold when you climb the ladder. The antenna can't take your weight. If it gives, you can take a nasty tumble.



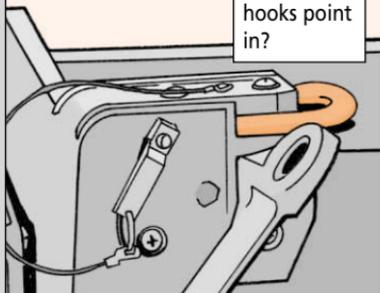
❑ When you remove the radio, put all screws back in the console cover. Without all of the screws in place, the cover flaps around and tears up the area around the remaining screws. If the cover slides forward, it can cause the Avenger canopy to bow. It costs more than \$10,000 to replace the canopy. It costs much less to replace missing screws, NSN 5305-00-925-9716.



❑ When you untie the antenna, secure its tiedown. If the tiedown dangles, its metal hooks will bang against the turret and the truck cab during travel. So wrap the tiedown around the projections that the rope is connected to.

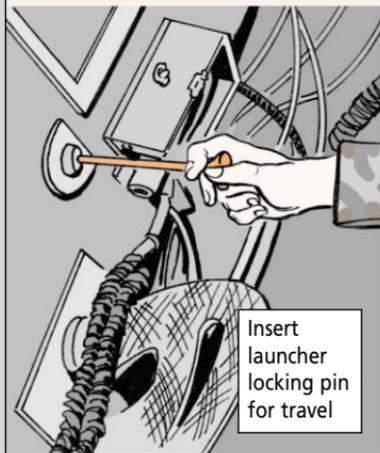


❑ After slingloading the Avenger, make sure the slingload hooks point in, not out. If the hooks are pointing out, they will tear out the top corner of the turret when the missile pods are raised.



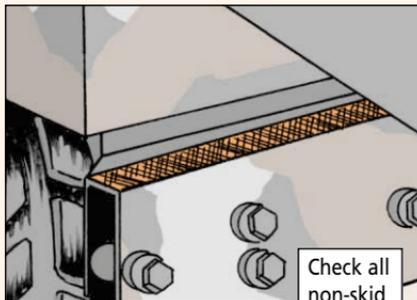
Sling load hooks point in?

❑ Before travel, insert the launcher locking pin and the turret floor pin and set the azimuth motor brake. If you forget, the turret spins around on its own during travel. The turret body is banged around and damaged and someone could be injured.

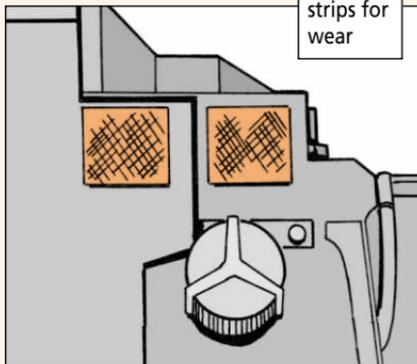


Insert launcher locking pin for travel

❑ Inspect the non-skid strips on the ladder, bumper, and the environmental control unit (ECU). If the non-skid strips are worn or gone, climbing up and down the Avenger is dangerous, especially in icy or rainy weather. Order new strips with NSN 7220-00-823-7419, which brings 60 feet of the strips. The strips are coded for local purchase, so if you can't find them locally, order them with an advice code of 2A.



Check all non-skid strips for wear



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