

HALT HATCH HEADACHES



The gunner's hatch on your up armored Bradley weighs almost 100 pounds. All that keeps it from giving you a serious headache is a small washer.

The gunner's hatch up armor modification kit uses a washer, NSN 5310-01-274-3255, to secure the hinge bracket hold-up pin. The washer is a bit flimsy, so it often gets bent or broken off.

A bent or lost washer lets the hold-up pin, NSN 5315-01-440-0269, slip out of the hinge. With nothing to grab, the latch mechanism slips loose and—CRASH—down comes the hatch.

Eyeball that washer right now. If it's bent, broken or missing, replace it with a new and improved washer, NSN 5310-01-460-8846. The new washer is twice as thick as the old one.

Unless the hinge screw, NSN 5305-00-988-1723, is damaged during removal, you can reuse it to secure the new washer.

