

M119A1 Towed Howitzer...

# PREVENT CRUSHED TAILLIGHTS

I'VE GOT JUST THE PROTECTION YOUR TAILLIGHT ASSEMBLIES NEED!

I FEEL BETTER ALREADY!



Dear Editor,

M119A1 howitzer taillight assemblies, NSN 6220-01-369-2920, get crushed when they're stored in the back of a HMMWV.

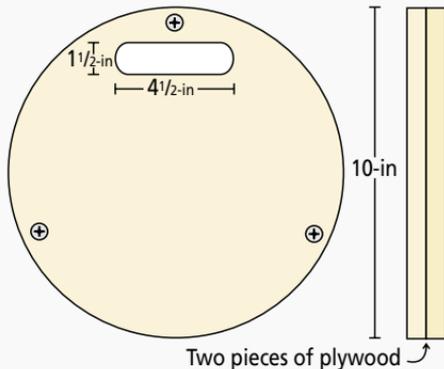
When it's time to reinstall them on your howitzer, they're badly mangled and often don't work. Nobody's happy when a ruined assembly has to be replaced. They cost more than \$670!

We protect our taillight assemblies with a wooden plate. Here's how to make and use it:

1. Cut out two 10-in diameter circles from a sheet of 3/4-in thick plywood.
2. Secure one circle on top of the other using three 1-in long drywall screws.
3. Cut an oval hole in the top of the circles to use as a handle. The hole should be approximately 4 1/2 inches long by 1 1/2 inches wide.
4. Slip the plate inside the opening of the taillight assembly. Tighten the taillight clamp screws to hold the plate securely in place.

The plate strengthens the taillight assembly and keeps it from being bent or crushed.

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Two pieces of plywood

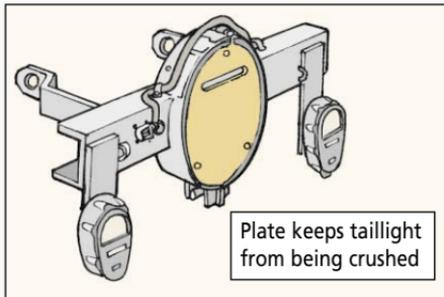


Plate keeps taillight from being crushed

From the desk of the *Editor*

Protecting makes a whole lot more sense than replacing. Good idea!