

M113A3 Personnel Carrier...

## Extend Your Reach

I HAD NO IDEA  
TURNS COULD  
CAUSE SO MUCH  
DAMAGE!

SOUNDS LIKE  
YOU COULD USE  
A TOW PINTLE  
EXTENSION!



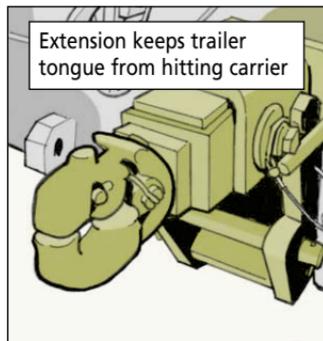
**D**rivers, if you've got banged-up fuel pods on your M113A3 personnel carrier, chances are you've been towing recently.

Whenever you make sharp turns, the trailer tongue hits the back corner of the carrier.

A new tow pintle extension, NSN 2540-01-458-4846, is the answer. The extension increases the reach of the tow pintle and keeps the trailer tongue from hitting the carrier during sharp turns.

Make a note of the NSN until it's added to TM 9-2350-277-24P.

Extension keeps trailer  
tongue from hitting carrier



M113-Series FOV...

## GIVE BATTERIES A BOOST

**M**ost crewmen run their vehicles only for the 10 minutes or so that's required to do PMCS. Not good. The start drains the batteries' charge and the engine doesn't run long enough to put the charge back.

Several starts will run the batteries out of juice. Then precious maintenance time is used trying to find a nonexistent fault in the charging system.

When you do your PMCS, be prepared to run the engine for 20-30 minutes to fully recharge the batteries. Keep the engine throttled to 1,200 rpm, too. The higher idle helps prevent another serious problem on air box-configured 6V53 engines: diesel slobber.