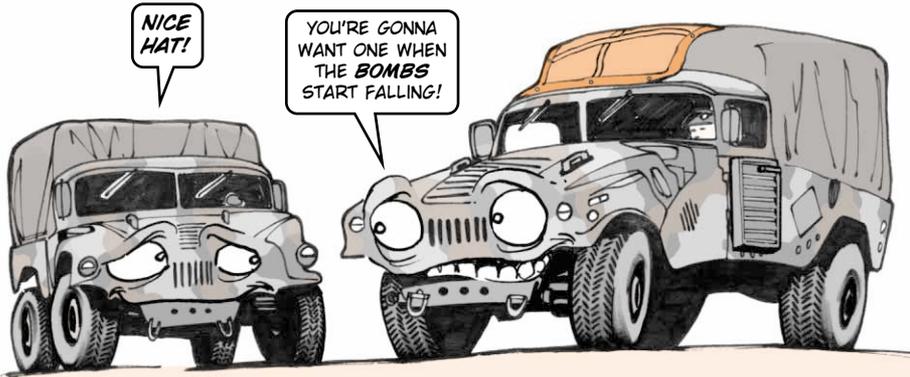


Get Tip-top Protection from TIPs



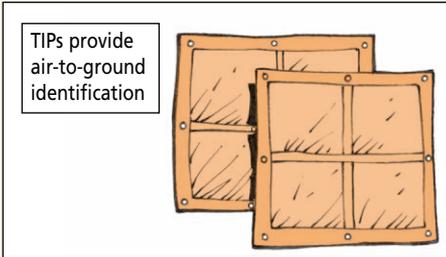
Friendly fire protection on the battlefield is vital. And the combat identification panels (CIPs) on Pages 2-5 do a good job of protecting you from all sides—except the top. That's where thermal identification panels (TIPs) come in.

What are TIPs?

TIPs are 4x4-ft thermal cloth panels that are used to identify stationary friendly vehicles from the air and prevent casualties caused by friendly fire.

When viewed through thermal sights—such as those found on AH-64 Apache helicopters and the Air Force's LANTIRN system—a TIPs panel appears as a large cold spot that marks the vehicle as friendly.

TIPs can also be used as primary markers for positions and structures where CIPs are not installed.



How to Get TIPs

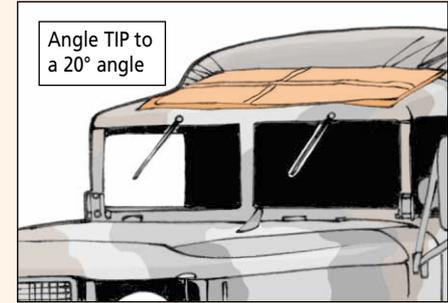
TIPs are being fielded as free-issue items. If you've not yet received your panels, check with the TIP Program Manager at Ft. Monmouth, NJ, DSN 987-5272/5864 or (732) 427-5272/5864.

Units that don't get TIPs, or need replacements after the initial distribution, must order the panels through the regular supply system.

TIPs are available in OD green or desert tan to match vehicle camouflage patterns. The opposite side of each panel is international orange for use during air-to-ground visual operations. Get the green/orange panels with NSN 2590-01-447-8997 and the tan/orange panels with NSN 2590-01-448-4531.

How to Install TIPs

1. Remove the cloth panel from its storage bag.
2. Place the panel on the rear deck or similar flat spot that allows exposure of the panel without interfering with vehicle operations. For example, the turret ammunition vent doors are a good spot on M1-series tanks.
3. Position the TIP so that it is tilted approximately 20° from the surface it sits on. A filled sandbag or duffel bag placed under the panel can be used to create the required angle. The slight tilt lets the panel act as a thermal mirror that reflects the cooler temperature of the sky.
4. Tie the TIP in place using the metal grommets around the outside edge of the panel.



More Info

If you need more information about TIPs, contact the combat identification product manager at DSN 987-5324 or (732) 427-5324 or e-mail: wayne.calabretta@iew.s.monmouth.army.mil

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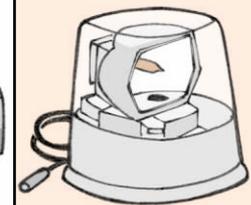
WARNING LIGHT BULBS

IF YOU'RE USING THE **HEMTT WRECKER WARNING LIGHT SYSTEM**, NSN 6220-01-250-5190, ON YOUR UP-ARMORED HMMWV BECAUSE OF ITS MAGNETIC BASE PORTABILITY, MAKE A NOTE OF THIS...



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"WHEN YOU NEED A **REPLACEMENT LAMP BULB**, ORDER NSN 6240-01-400-4201 INSTEAD OF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM."



"THE BULB IS ITEM 19 IN FIG 103 OF TM 9-2320-279-24P."

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