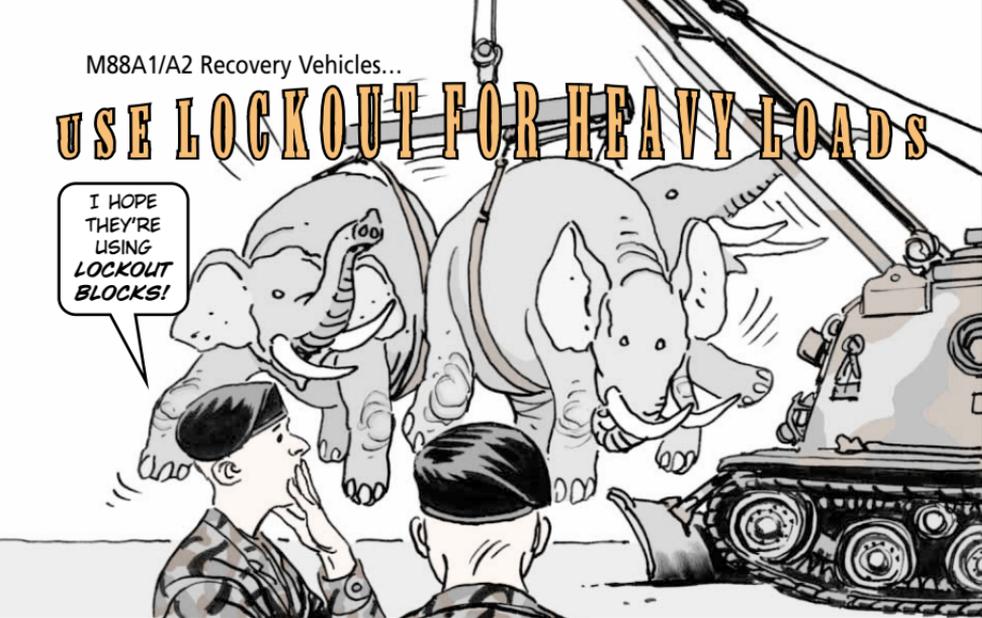


M88A1/A2 Recovery Vehicles...

USE LOCKOUT FOR HEAVY LOADS

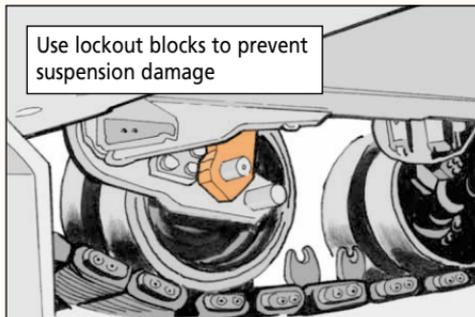
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Setting up your M88A1/A2 recovery vehicle to lift a heavy load—more than 6 tons—is a lot of trouble. That “trouble,” though, can mean the difference between an easy lift and equipment damage.

Loads over 6 tons can play havoc with torsion bars, shock absorbers and road arms.

That’s why you should always use lockout blocks when lifting heavy loads. It’s also a good idea when you’re not sure just how heavy the load is. Lockout blocks take the extra stress off the front suspension system. You’ll find the procedures for installing and using lockout blocks on Page 2-144 of TM 9-2350-256-10 and Page 2-156 of TM 9-2350-292-10.



Don’t think you’re in the clear, though, even if the load’s less than 6 tons.

Some operators leave the engine deck on the ground between the tank and the recovery vehicle while pulling a powerpack. The M88A1 straddles the deck as it gets ready to lift the pack.

As the pack goes up, the weight compresses the suspension enough that the hull bottoms out on the deck. The pressure can warp the deck.

Play it safe on light loads. Either use the lockout blocks or keep anything that might be damaged out of the way.