

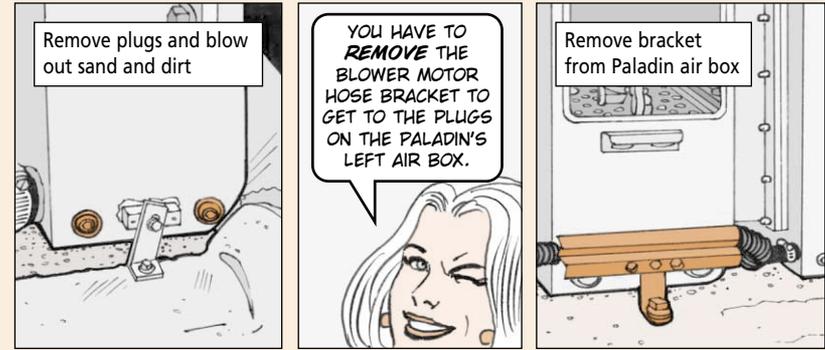
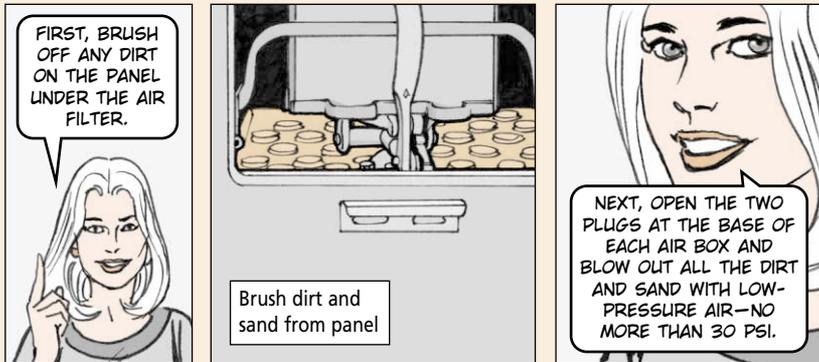
AIR BOX NEEDS A BLOWOUT



If it has been a while since you've cleaned the air cleaner boxes in your howitzer or ammo carrier, they need your attention now.

That's because dust and grit collect all over the boxes even under normal conditions. During the heat and dust of summer, things just get that much worse. The air induction system exhaust fans just can't remove all the dust and grit.

So, next time you pull the air filters for cleaning, clean the air boxes, too.



If the dirt and sand have hardened—which is what happens when water gets mixed in—you'll probably have to break up the mess with a knife or screwdriver before blowing it out.

Never clean the boxes by hosing them out with water. That leads to rust, which causes even more clogging problems.

M109 HOWITZER TOOL REVISITED



Take another look at the homemade tool on Pages 20-21 of PS 586 (Sep 01). The tool, which measures the recuperator guide pins on your M109-series SP howitzer, shows the minimum length of the guide pins as $\frac{1}{8}$ inch. That's wrong. Change 3 (Jan 00) to TM 9-2350-311-10 and Change 1 (Apr 01) to TM 9-2350-314-10 modified the minimum length to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. If you've already made the tool, just shave off another $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

