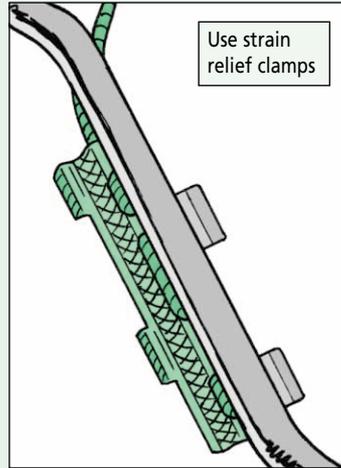


IN NEED OF MORE RELIEF

Dear Editor,
The OE-254 antenna needs two cable strain relief clamps, not just one, during certain types of operations.

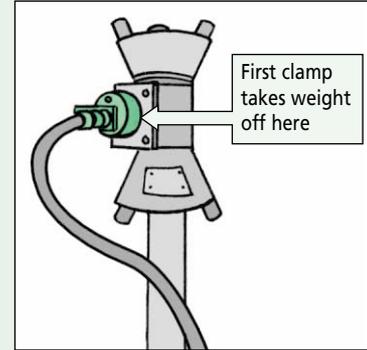


OE-254s come with one strain relief clamp, NSN 5975-00-563-0229. That clamp needs to be attached to the upper guy plate of the mast like it says in Para 2-4 of TM 11-5895-357-13 to take the weight of the cable off the feedcone connection.

But there's often strain at the other end too! This is especially true during retrans operations using a SINCARS in a HMWWV or an M577 command post carrier.

Second clamp helps the radio connection

MY PIN'S ALL BENT OUT OF SHAPE!



So order and use a second strain relief clamp to take the strain off the radio connection. That will solve a problem that happens far too often—the connector between the cable and the radio being ripped off.

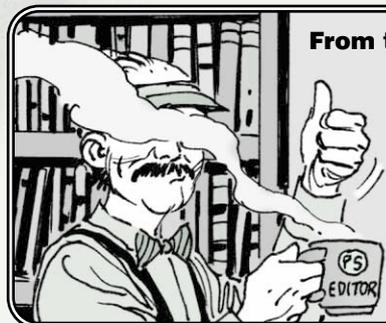
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LOOKS LIKE THE FEEDCONE NEEDS A STRAIN RELIEF CLAMP.

MAYBE WE SHOULD USE A CLAMP AT THE RADIO, TOO.



From the desk of the Editor



Excellent idea, Sergeant. One of the best types of preventive maintenance is solving a problem so it doesn't reoccur. So take a page from Sergeant Smith's book. Don't live with the same problem over and over again. Solve it and put it behind you.