

No Tape Needed!



Dear Half-Mast,

Some of the torsion bars on our M60 bridge launchers have black tape wrapped around them. In most cases, that tape is frayed and coming loose.

Can you tell me what the tape is for and how to get new tape to replace the old stuff?

SFC J.B.

Dear Sergeant J.B.,

Yes and no! The old tape was designed to cushion the torsion bars during transport and handling. It prevented dings and cuts that could weaken the torsion bars and allow them to snap.

There is no requirement for replacing the tape. In fact, tests have shown that the tape can trap moisture, allowing corrosion to get a foothold.

Your best bet is to remove the old tape. If you receive any more torsion bars with tape already applied, remove it before installation.

Half-Mast