

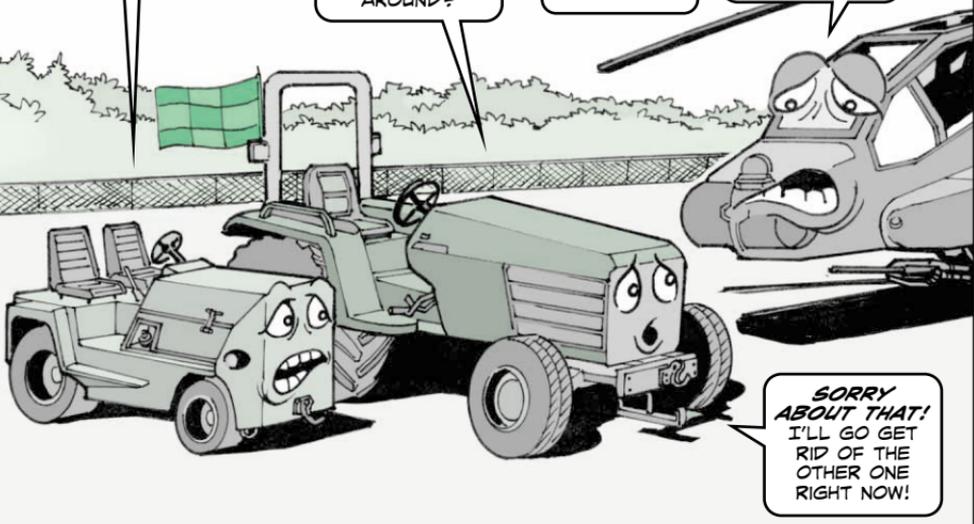
Remember Ramp Flags?

MAN!
YOU LOOK
AWFUL!

DID YOU GET
DIZZY WHEN YOU
WERE FLYING
AROUND?

I'M SICK!
MY ENGINE
INGESTED
ONE OF YOUR
FLAGS!

DON'T YOU
KNOW THEY CAN
CAUSE FOD
PROBLEMS!



**SORRY
ABOUT THAT!**
I'LL GO GET
RID OF THE
OTHER ONE
RIGHT NOW!

Ramp flags have been showing up lately—**again**. If you have ramp flags, NSN 8345-00-543-6914, attached to your airfield and flight line ground vehicles, you need to ask yourself a question: “should we still be flying those checkered flags?”

The latest word in FM 1-300, *Flight Operations Procedures*, says nothing about the use of ramp flags on flight line vehicles—such as tugs or tractors—while they tow aircraft. So forget ramp flags.

In the past ramp flags were used as a safety precaution on fixed wing aircraft runways. Still, ramp flags are considered a safety hazard in and around hovering helicopters.

Also, flags can become FOD material if they get caught in rotor blades or get ingested by an aircraft engine.

SO FOLLOW THE
GOOD WORDS IN
FM 1-300 AND YOUR
LOCAL FLIGHT LINE
SOP AND GET YOUR
TUGS AND AIRFIELD
VEHICLES UP-TO-
SNUFF.

