

Sand in the Helmet Tracks



ALSE techs, the HGU-56/P aircrew integrated helmet system (AIHS) visors can get stuck quickly because desert sand clogs the guide tracks of the visors.

Crews can't resist pulling on the helmet knobs to force the visors down. That can break the helmet knobs and then the helmet is NMC until your ALSE shop replaces the visors.

To keep visors operating smoothly, use low pressure air to blow out sand and grit. Or use a pipe cleaner to remove any gunk.

'Course, in a desert environment, helmet PMCS should be done **more often** than what it says in Para 3-3 of TM 1- 8415-216-12&P to reduce stuck visors. It is each soldier's responsibility to clean their visors and do daily PMCS.

Clean helmet tracks more often in desert

