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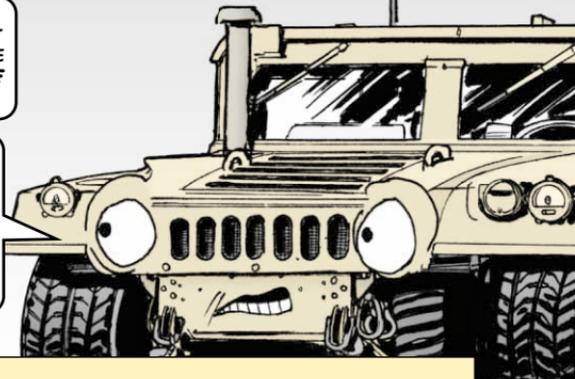


# Twice a Year Not Enough?



**LUBE YOUR TIE RODS? BUT THEY'RE NOT DUE FOR TWO MORE MONTHS!**

**ALL THIS HEAT AND SAND CHANGES THINGS! I NEED LUBE MORE OFTEN OVER HERE!**



Dear Half-Mast,  
LO 9-2320-280-12 says to lube the tie rod ends on our HMMWV every 3,000 miles or semiannually with GAA. Here in Iraq, we feel this just isn't enough.  
The terrain here is very hard on tie rods. Sand and dirt make things even worse. If the tie rods seize and break, we could lose steering.  
Should we lube the tie rods more often?  
SSG S.L.P.

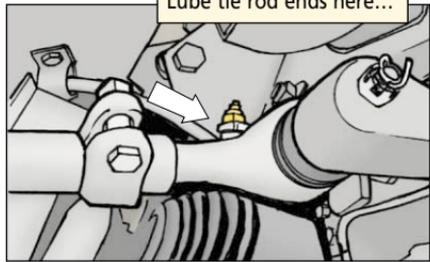
Dear Sergeant S.L.P.,

Yes, you should. The LO says hard time intervals can be shortened if your lube is contaminated or if the vehicle is being operated under adverse conditions. The desert definitely qualifies!

Make sure you clean off both grease fittings on each tie rod end before lubing. That'll help keep sand out. While you're under the vehicle, take a close look at the rubber boots at each end. Look for cracks or tears that let lube out and sand in. Tell your mechanic if you find any.

*Half-Mast*

Lube tie rod ends here...



...and here with GAA

