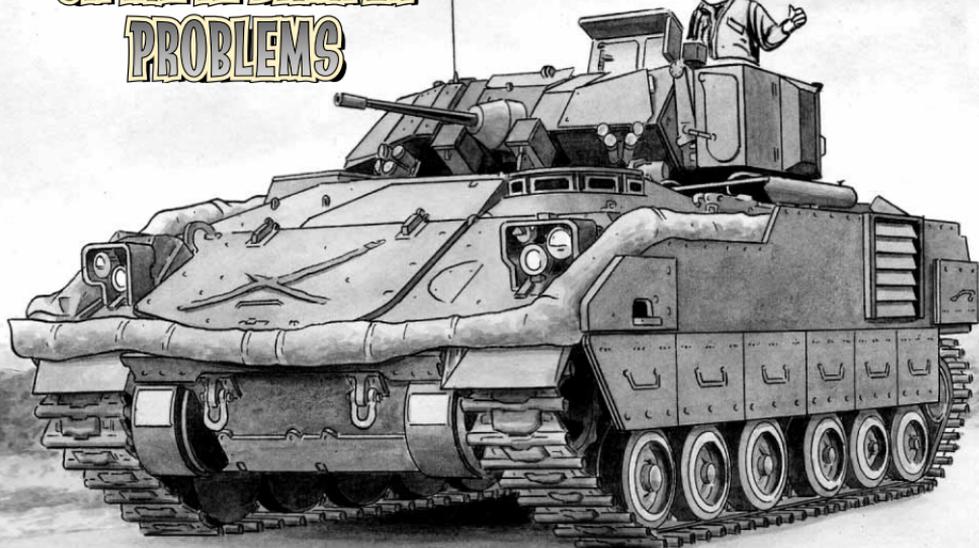


# PUT A DAMPER ON M242 DAMPER PROBLEMS

HERE ARE A  
COUPLE OF TIPS  
FROM THE NEW  
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...FOR  
MAKING IT  
**EASIER** TO  
MAINTAIN  
THE M242.



Dear Editor,

To add damper fluid to the Bradley's M242 gun's recoil system, TM 9-1005-200-23&P says to push on the spring-loaded damper rod with a brazing or welding rod. That's difficult because the rod doesn't have a handle to hold onto. We've found it's easier to use the copper screwdriver that's part of the Bradley's tool kit. Its handle makes pushing on the damper rod easier.

To add damper fluid, it's also easier to use a squirt bottle rather than try to pour the fluid out of a can. We use the squirt bottle that's part of the M1 tank's BII. You can order one with NSN 8125-01-134-5409 for a little over \$2.

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Squirt  
bottle  
makes  
filling  
damper  
assembly  
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*Editor's note: No one will recoil from your recoil suggestions. Thanks for sharing. You can now order a damper valve tool with NSN 5120-01-452-3364.*