

Striking Stryker Suggestions



Dear Editor,

These suggestions will keep crews from striking out because of Stryker problems:

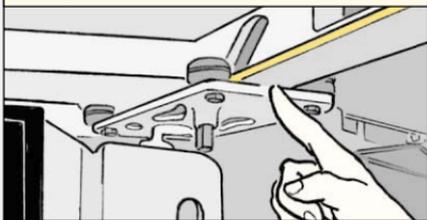
- The gunner's panel must be moved in order to fire missiles. But if the rail that the panel slides on is never lubed, eventually the panel won't move. We've found giving the rail a light coat of GMD every month keeps the panel moving smoothly. After you lube the rail, move the panel back and forth to work in the grease.

- The locking handle for the machine gun ring mount can also freeze if it's not lubed. Then you can't move the machine gun out of the way to fire missiles. Each month we spray a light silicone lubricant on the locking handle and work the handle back and forth until it moves freely. Of course, where sand is a problem you shouldn't do this since lube attracts more sand.

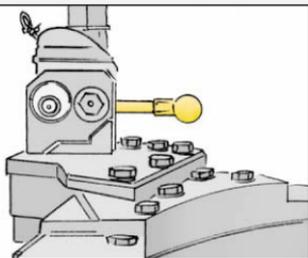
- When you mount the Stryker's machine gun, use the middle hole on the mount to lock in the pintle. If you use the bottom hole, the weapon sits too low, which limits how close you can shoot around the vehicle. If you use the top hole, you have to stand too far out of the commander's hatch to fire, exposing yourself more.

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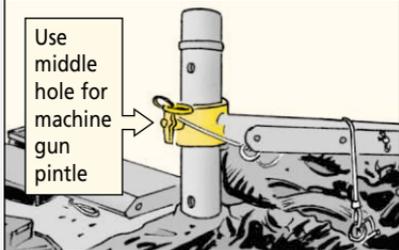
Lube gunner's panel rail monthly with GMD



Lube ring mount locking handle monthly with light silicone lubricant



Use middle hole for machine gun pintle



Editor's note: You've struck pay dirt with your Stryker suggestions. Thanks and good work.