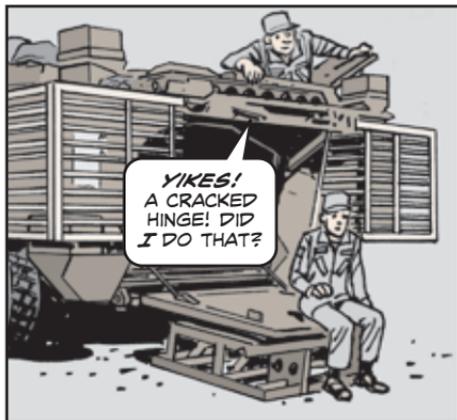


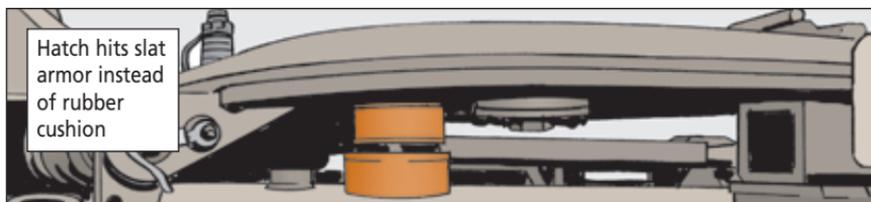
# DON'T BE A HATCH BASHER



## WHAM! CR-A-A-CK!

That's the sound you'll hear if you let the troop hatch fall open on your Stryker.

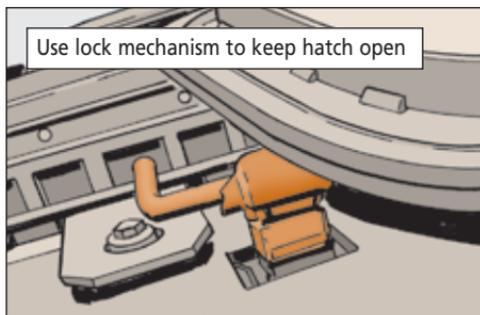
With the addition of slat armor, the edge of the hatch hits the armor instead of the rubber cushion that's designed to absorb the blow. The hit is usually violent enough to crack or break the hinge springs on the hatch. That makes opening and closing the hatch a whole lot harder.



Hatch hits slat armor instead of rubber cushion

Hold onto the latch when opening the troop hatch. Lower it gently down against the slat armor.

Once the hatch is open, you want to keep it that way. Big bumps on the road or explosions from improvised explosive devices (IEDs) or other munitions can throw the hatch closed, crushing anyone standing in the hatch opening. Use the lock mechanism to keep the hatch safely in place until you're ready to close it.



Use lock mechanism to keep hatch open