

ARMOR PLATED PROBLEM

WE'VE GOT A MISSION, BUT MY BRADLEY IS *MISSING* AN ARMOR PLATE.

DOES THAT MAKE IT NMC?



Dear Half-Mast,

I'm stationed in Iraq and we've had a big question come up. If any of the armor on the Bradley is missing or damaged (small bullet holes), is the vehicle considered NMC?

I've been unable to find anything in the TMs that cover this. And we have several vehicles being used that have missing or damaged armor. Can you help?

CW3 J.S.S.

Dear CW3 J.S.S.,

Sure can, Chief. According to TACOM, all Bradley armor must be present and the vehicle must be sealable in an NBC environment for the vehicle to be considered fully mission capable.

Vehicles with missing armor may not be able to stop penetration by bullets and other rounds. And if the armor has holes in it, the vehicle won't seal in an NBC environment.

TACOM will soon be adding a general statement to this effect in the PMCS section of the -10 TMs.

Half-Mast