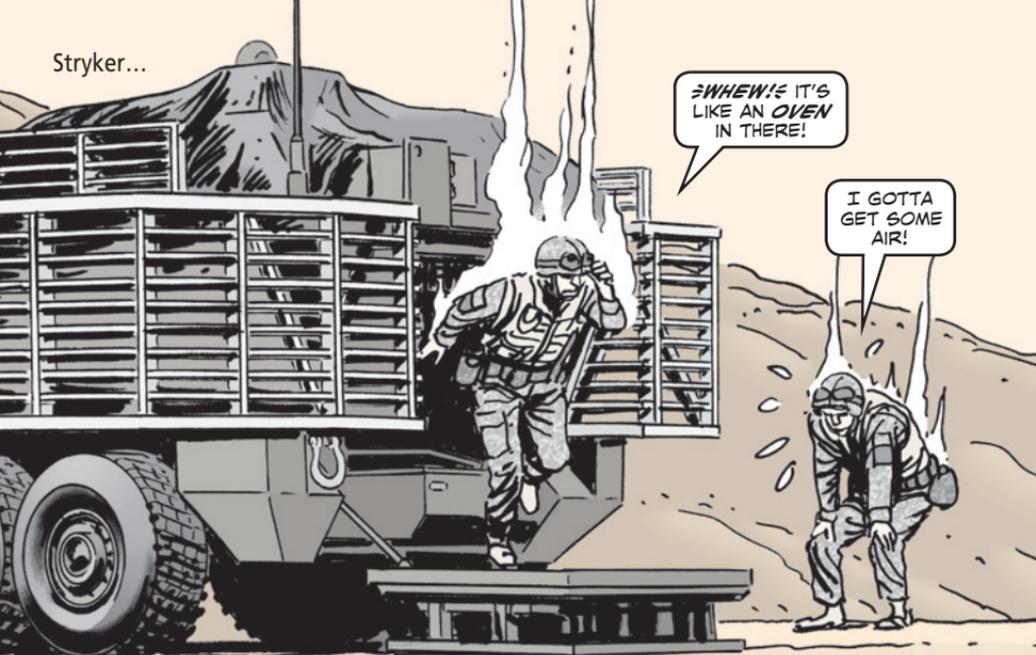


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## Keep the Air Flowing

It gets downright hot in Iraq, so any air flow you can get inside your Stryker is precious. That's why you need to be careful where you store your gear on top of the vehicle.

The metal rail that goes around the vent fan air intake looks like a good place to tie down gear. Unfortunately, stacking gear around the fan chokes off the air flow that's used to cool the interior of the vehicle. So it'll make you very unpopular with those sweaty guys that are riding along inside.

It's also unsafe. When the automatic fire extinguisher system (AFES) is discharged to put out a fire, the fan automatically reverses to vent Halon out of the vehicle. It can't do that very well if the fan is blocked by mounds of gear.

So, when you find what looks like a good location for storing your gear, make sure it's not next to the vent fan air intake.

