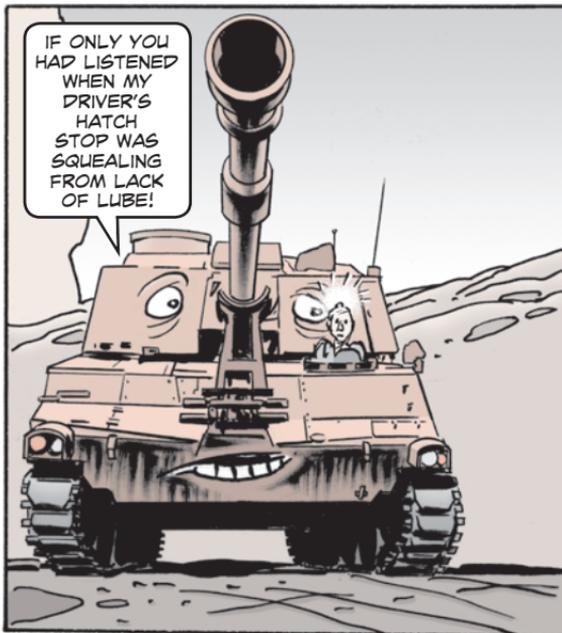


# Silence Is Golden



## Scre-ee-ech!

If that's the sound the driver's hatch stop makes on your M109A6 Paladin, then you've got a rust problem.

On some older Paladins, the shoulder pin inside the hatch stop is made of carbon steel. It rusts easily, making it hard to lock open the hatch.

If the hatch isn't properly secured, you'll also be hearing bells—right after the hatch swings closed on your head.

Stop **all** the sound effects by lubing the pin quarterly with OE/HDO, NSN 9150-00-186-6681. Just a few drops where the pin attaches to the stop will do the trick. Then exercise the stop to spread the oil along the length of the pin.

If the pin is already corroded, notify your mechanic. He'll replace it with NSN 5315-00-133-7968.

