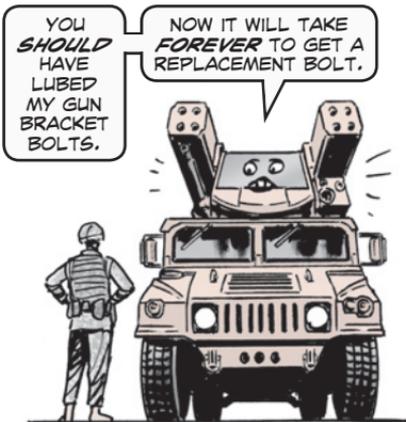
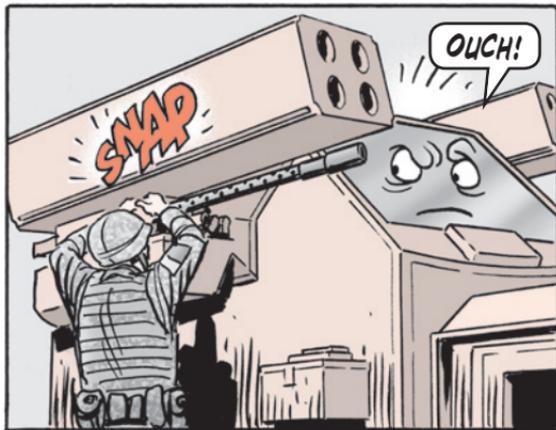


Smoothing M3P Gun Adjustment

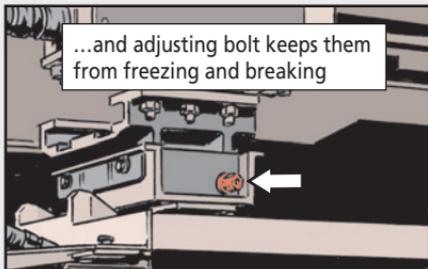
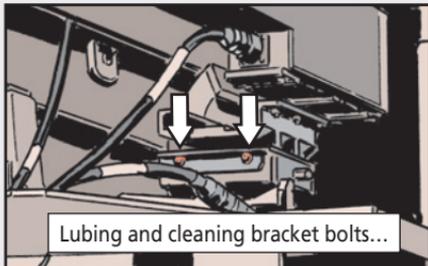


Dear Editor,

The bolts that hold the Avenger's M3P machine gun mounting bracket in place and the adjusting bolt for the bracket tend to freeze from corrosion. Then when you try to loosen the bolts, they snap. Unfortunately, it's very difficult to get replacements and it's difficult to drill out broken bolts.

You can avoid broken bolts by applying a light coat of oil to the bolts a few minutes before trying to turn them. The oil helps them turn. And you can make sure they don't freeze by removing the bolts during semiannual maintenance and cleaning them with carbon cleaner or dry cleaning solvent.

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Editor's note: You've melted the frozen bolt problem. Thanks for the tip.