

WHO YA GONNA CALL?



OK, WHO CALLED ABOUT THE GHOST PROBLEM?

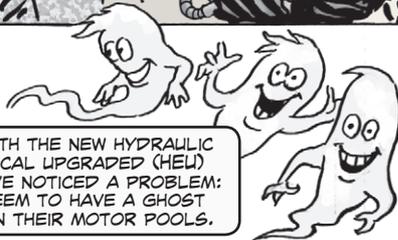
GHAHH!

FALSE ALARM!

THERE ARE NO GHOSTS HERE!



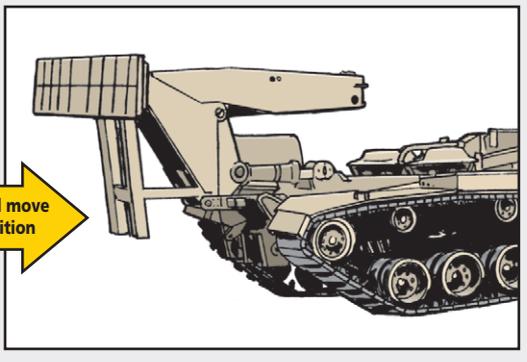
UNITS WITH THE NEW HYDRAULIC ELECTRICAL UPGRADED (HEU) AVLB HAVE NOTICED A PROBLEM: THEY SEEM TO HAVE A GHOST LOOSE IN THEIR MOTOR POOLS.



The ghost seems interested only in vehicles that are parked without their bridges and with the launch mechanism in the stowed position.

By the next morning, the foot will move a few inches from the stowed position

This strange phenomenon has come to be known as "ghost launching".



Before you make that emergency call to get rid of those pesky ghosts, check this out: Turns out there's no ghost at all.

The launching is due to a pressure build-up in the overhead cylinder of the bridge launch mechanism. Motion occurs very slowly and is hard to spot with the naked eye. But by the next morning, the foot will have moved from the stowed position.

IN THE MOTOR POOL, THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO PREVENT THIS MOVEMENT...

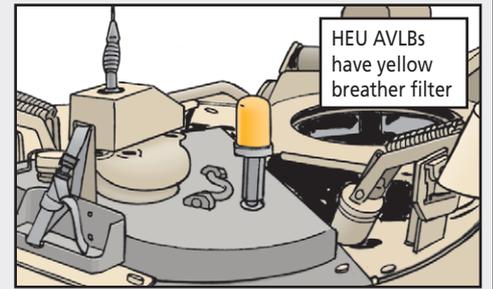
1. You can leave the bridge on top of the HEU AVLB. The weight will keep the foot from moving.
2. If the bridge is removed, place the foot on the ground with the tongue parallel with the ground.
3. If the bridge is removed and the tongue is in the stowed position, you can secure the tongue to the vehicle to keep it from moving.

JUST ONE OF THESE WILL ELIMINATE THE RISK OF GHOST LAUNCHING AND DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE OR OTHER EQUIPMENT.



ID Tip

Not sure if your AVLB is the upgraded HEU? There are two easy ways to tell. First, look at the vehicle data plate in the driver's compartment. HEU AVLB's will be stamped with an "M". Second, look for the yellow hydraulic breather filter on top of upgraded vehicles.



HEU AVLBs have yellow breather filter

M1068 Circuit Breaker

There's now an NSN available for the circuit breaker on your M1068 command post carrier's power control enclosure. Use NSN 5925-01-371-0179 for Item 2 in Fig 387 of TM 9-2350-261-24P. Also, note that the PN has changed to 12382014 and the CAGE to 19207. Make a note until the TM is updated.

M119A2 Howitzer Wrench

The 7/16 x 1/2-in open end wrench, listed as Item 50 in WP 0051 00-12 of TM 9-1015-252-10, is no longer available. It has been replaced by NSN 5120-01-335-1203, PN LTA1416, CAGE 55719. Make a note until the TM is updated.