

# TOO TIGHT IS TOO MUCH



New mechanics and not-so-new mechanics, one extra twist to the wing nuts on the holddowns for the sealed lead-acid battery (SLAB), NSN 6140-01-286-6294, and you might hear a crack. That's the sound of the battery snapping.

Hand tight on the wing nut is tight enough. The battery tabs are not that sturdy, so they crack easily when the wing nut is tightened too much.

If you've already heard that sound, it means you've broken another battery locking tab. That makes the SLAB unserviceable.

Pay attention and follow the instructions on the battery's caution label. Don't work up a sweat when tightening the wing nuts. If you break a tab, you'll be replacing the SLAB battery at \$690 a pop.

Remember, for an unserviceable battery there is no 'wing and a prayer' solution—just replace it.

