

TWO FINGERS WILL DO

HEY BUDDY, WHY SO TENSE?

THAT'S THE PROBLEM... I'M *NOT* TENSE! NOW I'M WORKING IN THE MUD!!

WORKING IN THE MUD OR KNEE-DEEP IN THE SAND IS NO TIME FOR TRACK TENSION PROBLEMS ON YOUR EARTHMOVER.

HERE'S A QUICK WAY TO TELL IF THE TRACK IS LOOSE BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT OF THE MOTOR POOL...

1. Start the engine to keep the suspension charged.

2. Shift to SPRUNG mode and reverse (R1). Drive at max speed for about 50 feet on a hard, level surface.

3. Shift into neutral and coast to a stop without using the brakes or turning the steering wheel.

4. Do not set the parking brake.

5. Let the engine idle at 750-850 rpm for five minutes. Doing this maintains hydraulic pressure and lets the vehicle settle completely.

6. Eyeball each track at the No. 3 and No. 4 road wheels (from the front of the vehicle). The track should just touch the No. 3 road wheel and be about two finger widths or $1\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 inches above the top of the No. 4 road wheel.

If track adjustment is needed, follow the info on Page 3-26 of TM 5-2350-262-10. Remember, the ACE should be placed in the SPRUNG mode—not UNSPRUNG—before making the track adjustment.

