

GET A HANDLE ON IT!

I'VE GOT THAT SAFETY WIRE FOR YOUR EXTERNAL FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM HANDLE!



FORGET IT! YOU'RE ONLY SUPPOSED TO USE A LEAD SEAL ON MY HANDLES!

And don't make the mistake of using safety wire to hold the handle in place. Safety wire may last longer than the lead seal, but it won't snap when you try to pull the handle. And you sure won't have time to cut it off!

Half-Mast

P.S. Page 14-8 of TM 9-2350-284-20-1-5 (Feb 97) on EM 0043 says you'll find the lead seal press for your Bradley listed as Item 146 in App G. You may have noticed that App G ends with Item 145. The lead seal press is actually Item 87.1, NSN 5120-00-224-7592.

Dear Half-Mast,

I'm hoping you can help settle an argument. On some of our Bradleys, the lead seals on the fire suppression system's external pull handles have corroded. Some of them are so bad that they crumble away when touched.

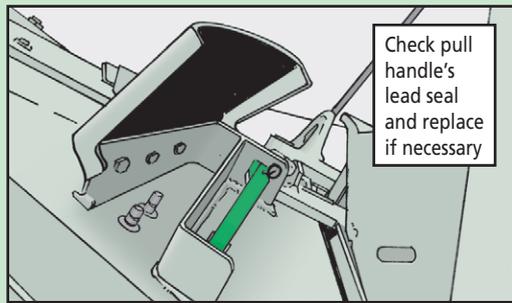
Some of the folks in our motor pool say that the pull handles don't need the extra protection since they're covered by a fold-down rubber guard. I'm not so sure. What do you think?

SFC W.P.K.

Dear Sergeant W.P.K.,

I think you're right, Sergeant! The rubber guard will protect the pull handle from most problems, but not everything. It takes only a chance encounter with some stray branches in the field to accidentally pull the handle and trigger the fire suppression system.

Your best bet is to inspect the pull handle during PMCS and replace the lead seal if it doesn't appear strong enough to hold the handle in place. Get a replacement lead seal with NSN 5340-00-835-9815 and seal it with a hand press, NSN 5120-00-224-7592.

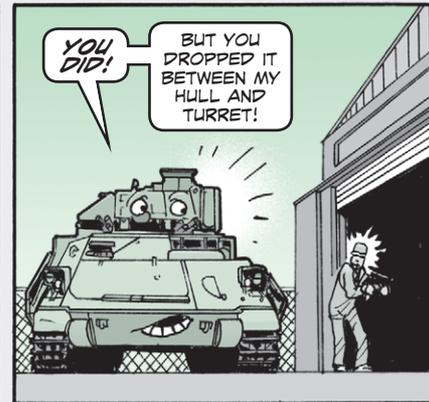


TURRET CLEANUP A MUST

HMMM... I COULDA SWORN I BROUGHT A SCREWDRIVER WITH ME, TOO!



YOU DID! BUT YOU DROPPED IT BETWEEN MY HULL AND TURRET!



The old saying, "There's a place for everything and everything in its place," takes on new meaning when you're talking about your Bradley turret, crewmen.

Loose items, such as tools, parts, trash, and TMs, can put you out of operation fast. If these or other items get under the floor or between the hull and turret, they can break parts, cut cables, damage ammo, and on and on.

One soldier accidentally dropped and forgot a 25mm cleaning rod. When the turret was traversed, the rod punctured the lower fuel cell and the Bradley was NMC for weeks.

A daily housecleaning inside the turret and under the floorboard will help get rid of loose items before they become a repair problem.

