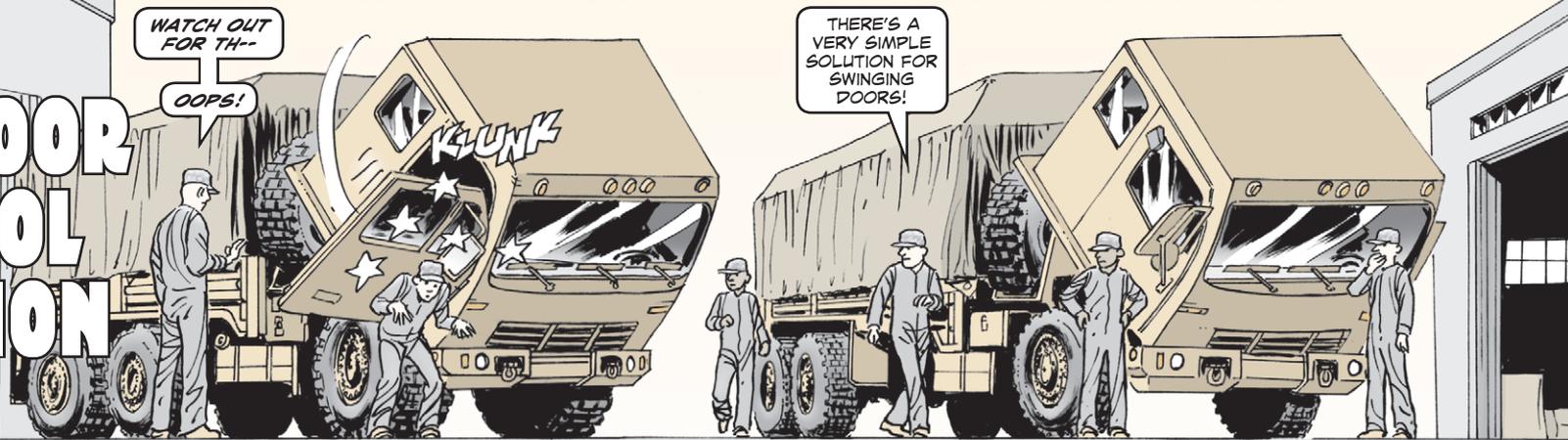


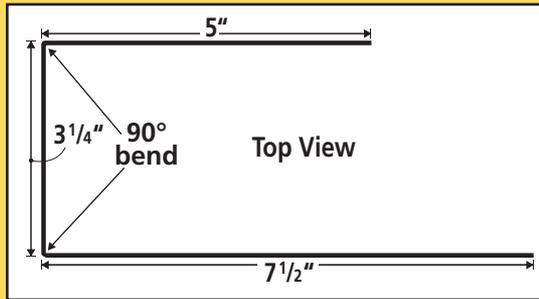
CAB DOOR CONTROL SOLUTION



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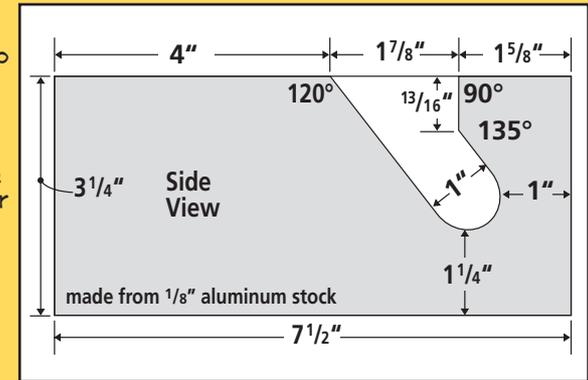
Recently we pulled maintenance on some FMTVs, and the cab doors opened when the cab was raised. Imagine our surprise! This was a hazard to anyone standing near the doors and could have damaged equipment.

Here's a solution I developed that I think PS readers might want to try. Using 1/8" aluminum stock, I fabricated a safety bracket that slides over the seatbelt mounting hardware and through the door's open window.



The bracket is U-shaped and acts as a lock-out device so the door won't open.

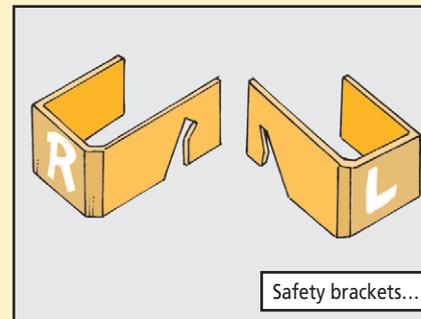
The left and right brackets are mirror images of each other. The notch fits over the bracket on the shoulder seatbelt. This simple bracket can be made using the dimensions in these drawings.



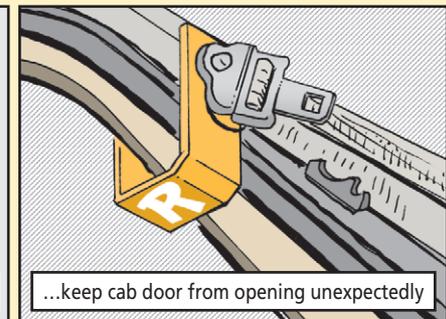
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Editor's note: Great idea, Normally, FMTV cab doors don't pop open when the cab is raised. But it can happen if the door isn't fully latched or properly adjusted, or if the cab is bent out of alignment. And on older models, the door can open when the linkage becomes weak or loose.

TACOM LCMC approved some linkage changes to solve this problem, but not every truck was updated with the improved hardware. So if the cab door on your FMTV opens when the cab is raised, inspect the door linkage and door for proper adjustment. Check the cab structure for damage, too. And to be on the safe side, make this safety bracket.



Safety brackets...



...keep cab door from opening unexpectedly