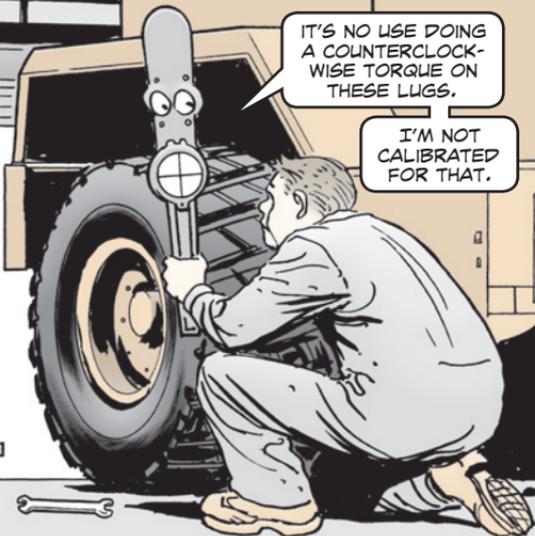


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# DEALING WITH COUNTER- CLOCKWISE TORQUE



Dear Editor,

Most mechanics don't realize that torque wrenches are calibrated by TMDE only in the clockwise direction. What makes that a problem is that some of the larger vehicles like the M939s and M977s require some wheel lugs to be torqued counterclockwise. As a result, the lugs may not be torqued correctly because the torque wrench may not give the correct reading. Disaster could follow.

Please make mechanics aware of this.

SFC  
Vilseck, Germany

## Editor's note:

*You bet we will, Sergeant.*

Units that must torque counterclockwise with their torque wrenches should ask their TMDE folks to calibrate their wrenches both clockwise and counterclockwise. When they're finished calibrating, TMDE will stick a red band with CW/CCW on the wrench showing that it has been calibrated in both directions. If a wrench doesn't have a red band on it, don't trust it for counterclockwise torquing.

If you have any questions about special calibration, contact TMDE's at (256) 955-0025, DSN 645-0025, or email:

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Check for red tape to make sure your torque wrench has been calibrated for counterclockwise torquing