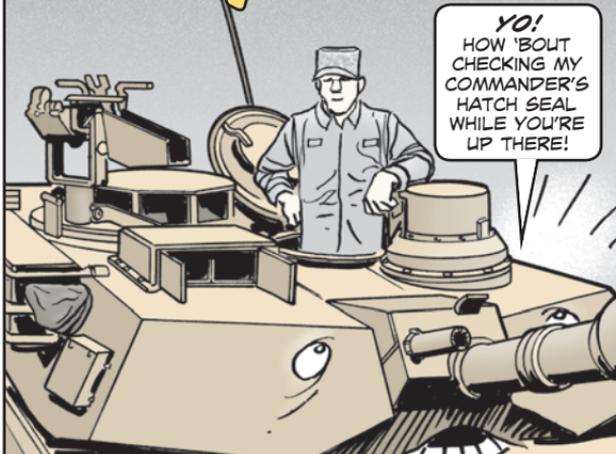


Housecleaning Keeps Seal in Shape



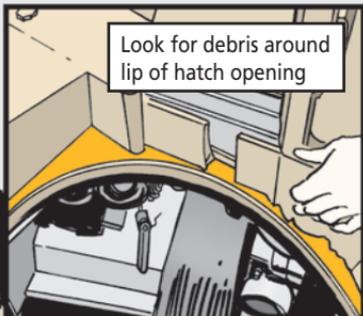
YO!
HOW 'BOUT CHECKING MY
COMMANDER'S
HATCH SEAL
WHILE YOU'RE
UP THERE!



CHECKING THE
COMMANDER'S
HATCH
SEAL AFTER EVERY
OPERATION IS AN EASY
JOB, TANKERS.

You know to look for tears, rips, cuts and separation. You even know to check for places where the seal doesn't spring back after compression. And of course you know to get a damaged seal replaced.

BUT DO YOU
KNOW HOW
TO KEEP
ALL THOSE
PROBLEMS
FROM
HAPPENING
IN THE FIRST
PLACE?
HERE'S
HOW...



Look for debris around
lip of hatch opening



Check seal
for damage

Most seal damage comes from dirt, sand, rocks and other debris that collect on the lip around the hatch opening. The seal wears out and tears when it's constantly pressed down against that stuff.



CHECK THE HATCH
OPENING OFTEN
AND SWEEP AWAY
ANY DEBRIS THAT
COLLECTS THERE.

THEN WIPE THE LIP
CLEAN WITH A DAMP
CLOTH TO GET
RID OF SMALLER
PARTICLES.