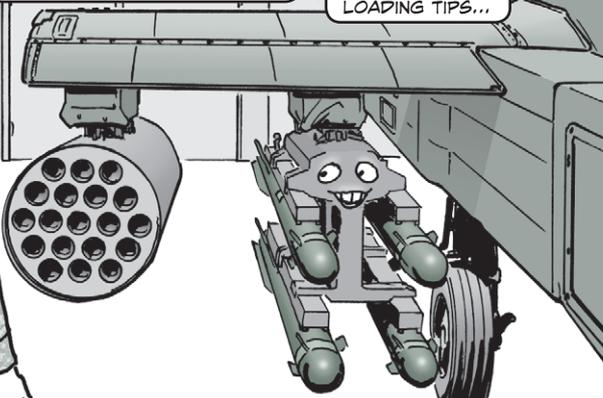


# A Load of Good Loading Info

IF YOU CAN'T LOAD YOUR HELLFIRES ON THE LAUNCHER, YOU SURE AS HECK WON'T BE BLOWING UP THE ENEMY.

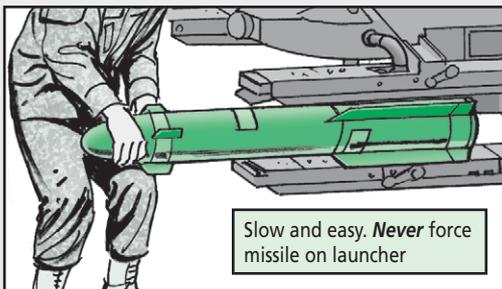
AVOID LOADING PROBLEMS BY GETTING A LOAD OF THESE LOADING TIPS...



### Take it slow and easy.

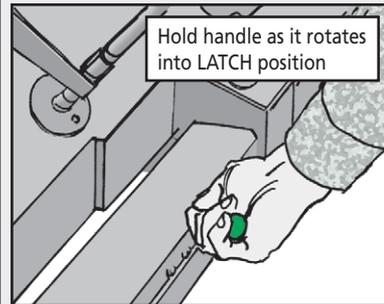
If you slam the missile into place, count on damaging the internal missile components, the shotgun connectors on the missile and on the launcher, and the missile stops on the rail. Make sure that you don't scratch the missile dome with any metal on your clothing, such as zippers or belt buckles. Place the release handle to UNLATCH. Slide the missile slowly down the rail, watching the spring of the upper/lower rail wiring harness. When the springs slightly compress, move the release handle to the LATCH position while you hold the missile in place. The play in the release handle should be no more than 10 degrees. When the missile is latched, it shouldn't move more than 1/4 inch.

A HELLFIRE should slide easily into place. If it doesn't, something is probably wrong with the launcher, missile shoes, or umbilical connector. Do not load a different missile. Get your repairman to check out the launcher.



Slow and easy. *Never* force missile on launcher

**Hold the release handle as it rotates into the LATCH position.** If you let the handles flip down, it could damage the stop pin.



Hold handle as it rotates into LATCH position

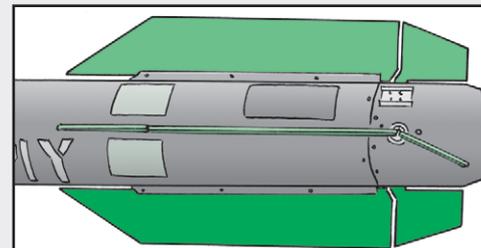
**Don't put your feet on the launcher.** It's not a step. Your big feet can damage the EPC cover or break the connectors. Then the launcher is out for repairs.



NO FEET on launcher

**Don't use the fins as a handle.**

They break and the missile is out of action. Hold the body of the missile to guide it into place on the launcher.



Fins are *not* handles!

MITAS...

## HIGH SECURITY LOCKS NEEDED?

Dear Half-Mast,  
We have heard that high-security locks are no longer required to secure MITAS (modified improved target acquisition system). Is that true?

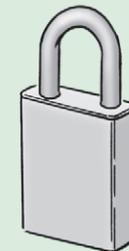
SGT G.M.

Dear Sergeant G.M.,

It's true. Now you can use the normal 5200-series padlock for securing MITAS. Your MITAS support people can give you a copy of ITAS/MITAS and IBAS Security Classification Guide (Aug 07) that authorizes this. Or you can email:

[@us.army.mil](mailto:@us.army.mil)

Or call her at DSN 746-3006, (256) 876-3006.



5200-series padlock OK for securing MITAS

*Half-Mast*