

AH-64D...

# Take Care of Dispenser

MECHANICS, MAINTAINING YOUR AH-64'S M130 DISPENSER IN THE DESERT MEANS PAYING CLOSER ATTENTION NOW THAT FLARES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE ARMAMENT MIX.

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TO KEEP THE DISPENSER MISSION CAPABLE, CLEAN IT **BEFORE** OPERATION, **AFTER** OPERATION, **EVERY 25 HOURS** OF OPERATION AND **MONTHLY** LIKE IT SAYS IN TM 9-1095-206-12.

Since the dispenser fires flares in the desert, it's important to check it for small rocks and sand from aircraft rotor wash.

If rocks and sand get into the payload module and foul up the firing contacts and the firing springs, the flares will not fire. And there's no onboard digital display in the pilot or copilot area to detect a misfired flare.

The M130 has a photo-sensor to determine if a flare is launched, but fails to ignite. If the photo-sensor lens is blocked by sand or dust, the dispenser may inadvertently fire up to two more flares.

To avoid misfires in the desert, make sure you clean your chaff/flare dispenser like the TM says and more often if necessary.

