

The 2/30 Minute Rule

IF THE BREECHBLOCK DOESN'T FULLY OPEN OR THE STUB BASE DOESN'T FULLY EXTRACT AFTER FIRING, YOU COULD BE FACED WITH A FLAREBACK.

STOP AND FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN YOUR OPERATOR'S MANUALS.

DO NOT REMOVE A STUB BASE UNTIL AFTER THE REQUIRED WAIT TIME.

MANUAL

THE SAFETY OF THE ENTIRE CREW COULD DEPEND ON IT!

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THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL PROVIDES TWO WAIT PERIODS, DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION. THIS IS KNOWN AS THE **2/30 MINUTE RULE**.

If the gun system malfunctions, place the tank into full NBC mode and allow the turret to pressurize for **2** minutes. After full pressurization, the loader can safely lower the breechblock. Over-pressurization of the turret will keep any burning gases from entering the crew compartment.

If the NBC system is not operating, you must wait **30** minutes before opening the breechblock. This will allow any burning gases to completely dissipate. After the 30 minutes, the loader can safely lower the breech.

You must then troubleshoot the system and correct any faults you find before the tank can resume firing.

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M88-Series APU Hydraulic Pump

Turning in a bad auxiliary power unit (APU) for your M88-series recovery vehicle? Better make sure it has the hydraulic pump, NSN 4320-00-613-6607, attached. Units have been removing the pump before turn-in, driving up repair costs. If you turn in an APU without the pump, your unit will now be charged \$190 for a replacement pump. So, make sure everything's there before turn-in.