



BETTER WAYS TO LOWER THE CAB!

Dear Editor,

Lowering the cab on the HIMARS can be tricky unless you remember a couple of tricks:

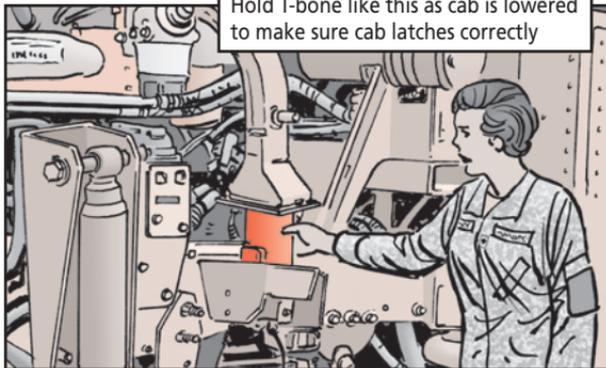
- When you lower the cab, the cab latch can be pushed backwards under the bracket for the B11 mount. Then the next time the cab is lifted it breaks a hydraulic line and the cab can't be raised or seated properly for movement until the line is fixed.

Prevent this by holding the T-bone for the cab latch forward as you lower the cab to make sure the cab latches with the latch bar. You will need to hold the T-bone at the base so your fingers won't be pinched. Also stand back so your head won't be conked by the fender.

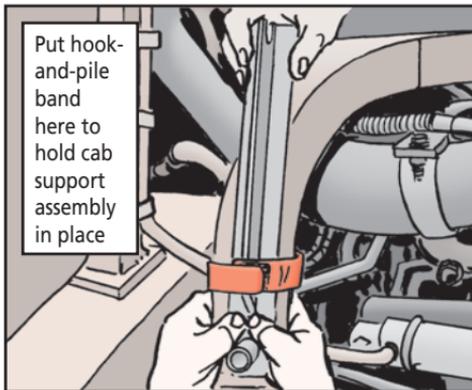
- There's a similar problem with the cab support assembly. It's sometimes difficult to keep it in place as you lower the cab. Unfortunately, you can't hold it in place because you risk pinching your fingers. Our solution is to use a hook-and-pile band like the ones used to secure cables to keep the cab support in the correct position.

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Hold T-bone like this as cab is lowered to make sure cab latches correctly



Put hook-and-pile band here to hold cab support assembly in place



Editor's note: Nice ideas, guys. I'm sure they'll help other HIMARS crews.