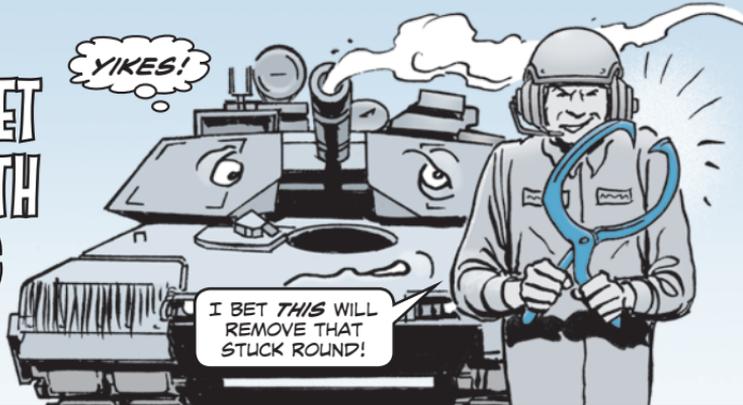


DON'T GET STUCK WITH WRONG TOOL!



The right tool for the right job. That's the only way to make sure the job gets done right. Unfortunately, some of you crewmen are trying to use the wrong tool when extracting a stub base or stuck round from your tank's 120mm cannon tube. That can increase the danger of flareback.

If a stub base doesn't extract from the chamber after firing, don't just grab whatever you can find to get it out. Use the cartridge ejector tool, NSN 1015-01-209-3484. It's listed as Item 20 in App B of TM 9-2350-264-10-2 and Item 22 in WP 0555-7 of TM 9-2350-388-10-3.

A stuck round should be removed with the M5 cleaning and loading rammer (bell housing), NSN 1015-01-170-4911, and rammer staff, NSN 1015-00-699-0633. These tools are listed as Items 61 and 75 in App B of the -264-10-2 TM and Items 62 and 80 in WP 0555 of the -388-10-3 TM.

Now that you've got the right tools, make sure you use them the right way. It is very important that all CAUTIONS and WARNINGS be strictly followed during these procedures.

For M1A1 tanks, the procedures for removing a stuck stub base start on Page 2-505 of TM 9-2350-264-10-1. The instructions for removing a stuck round start on Page 2-503.

For M1A2 SEP tanks, the procedures for removing a stuck stub base are in WP 0299 in TM 9-2350-388-10-2. Removing a stuck round is covered in WP 0298.

For more information on preventing flareback, see Pages 2-6 of PS 682 (Sep 09):

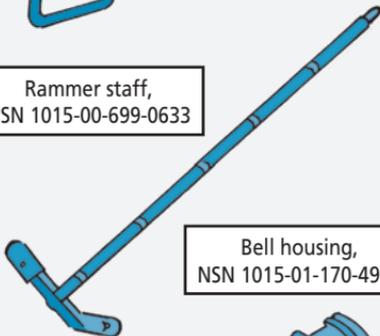
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Use right tools for job



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