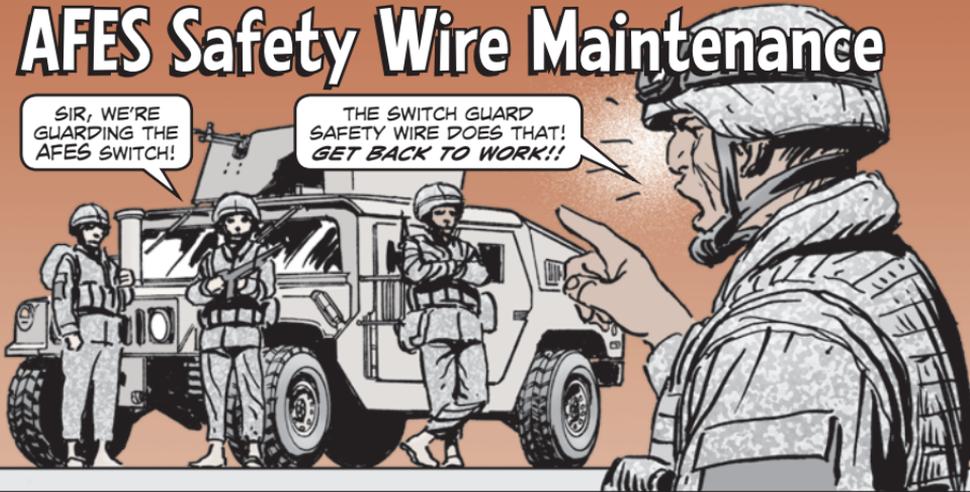


AFES Safety Wire Maintenance

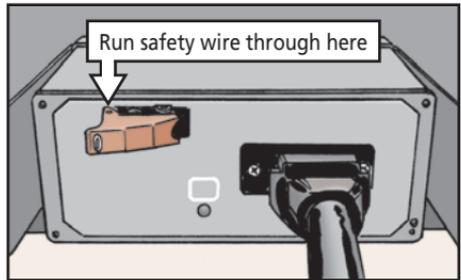


You probably know by now that the manual release switch on your up-armored HMMWV's automatic fire extinguishing system (AFES) has a safety wire. But you might not know there are no procedures to replace the switch guard safety wire or to inspect it for accountability. And the safety wire isn't shown in TM 9-2320-387-10 or TM 9-2320-387-24P!

TACOM LCMC wants to fix that by making the safety wire a PMCS item. Then you'll know what to do if the safety wire is broken or removed.

TM 9-2320-387-10 and TM 9-2320-2320-387-24P will be updated to include safety wire PMCS information. But until that happens, safety-wire the manual release switch guard in the down or guarded position on the AFES, if it isn't already. Just get the anti-pilferage seal (safety wire kit), NSN 5340-00-835-9815, which includes the wire and seal, and follow these instructions:

1. Ensure the switch guard is in the down or guarded position.
2. Insert the safety wire through the hole in the switch guard and into the lower tab below the switch.
3. Insert both ends of the wire into the safety seal. Pull the wire tightly to ensure the switch guard is secured in the down or guarded position.
4. Use a crimping tool to compress the seal.
5. Cut any excess wire from the seal.



In case you were wondering, broken or missing safety wire does not deadline your HMMWV.