

FMTV...



When was the last time you took a really good look at your FMTV's air tanks? If you've got any -A1 model FMTV trucks with serial numbers 104,314 through 117,858 or M1082 and M1095 FMTV trailers with serial numbers 202,197 through 206,367, eyeball those air tanks right away! The air tanks made by RDS Manufacturing could be bad.

TACOM SOUM 09-032 tells you all about the trouble with your FMTV's RDS air tanks. That safety message was released in September 09, but there are still FMTVs with bad air tanks out there. All units that have FMTVs with the serial numbers above must report to TACOM's John Clary, DSN 786-6965, (586) 282-6965 or email:

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Your FMTV truck or trailer is NMC until a mechanic replaces the bad tank. Bad air tanks can rupture, causing the air brake system to fail.

By the way, there was a similar issue with the Caiman MRAPs. We told you about that on page 47 of PS 679 (Jun 09). Or you might have learned about it from TACOM SOUM 09-003.

Check to see if your FMTV's primary, secondary, wet, and trailer air tanks have "RDS MFG" on them. You may need to remove the paint with a wire brush to get to it. If you see "RDS MFG", get the needed replacement parts at no cost to your unit. Contact John Clary to order those parts.

Make sure you follow the instructions in TACOM SOUM 09-032. You can view it online:

https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/soum/tacom_wn/soum09-032.html

For more info, contact John Clary.

