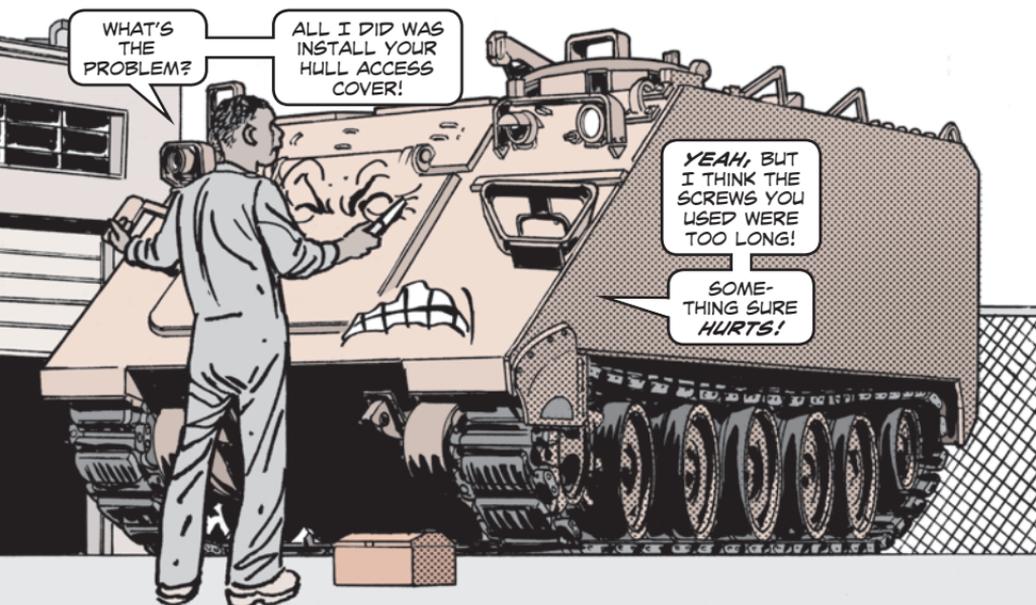


ACCESS COVER SCREW LENGTH IMPORTANT



Are you one of those mechanics who grabs the first screw you can find to reattach the hull access cover, NSN 5340-00-759-5409, on an M113-series vehicle? Big mistake!

If you grab a screw that's 2 or more inches long, it'll hit the transmission oil pan on A2 vehicles and the transmission casing on A3 vehicles. Eventually, the screw rubs a hole and creates a leak.

When the transmission loses enough oil, the clutches burn up and you're left with a vehicle that's going nowhere.

So make sure you use only the 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -in screws, NSN 5305-00-719-5219, that are called out in Fig 186 of TM 9-2350-261-24P and Fig 186 of TM 9-2350-277-24P. They hold the access cover in place without damaging the transmission oil pan or casing.

And don't forget to include flat washers, NSN 5310-00-809-5998, when you use the right screws.

