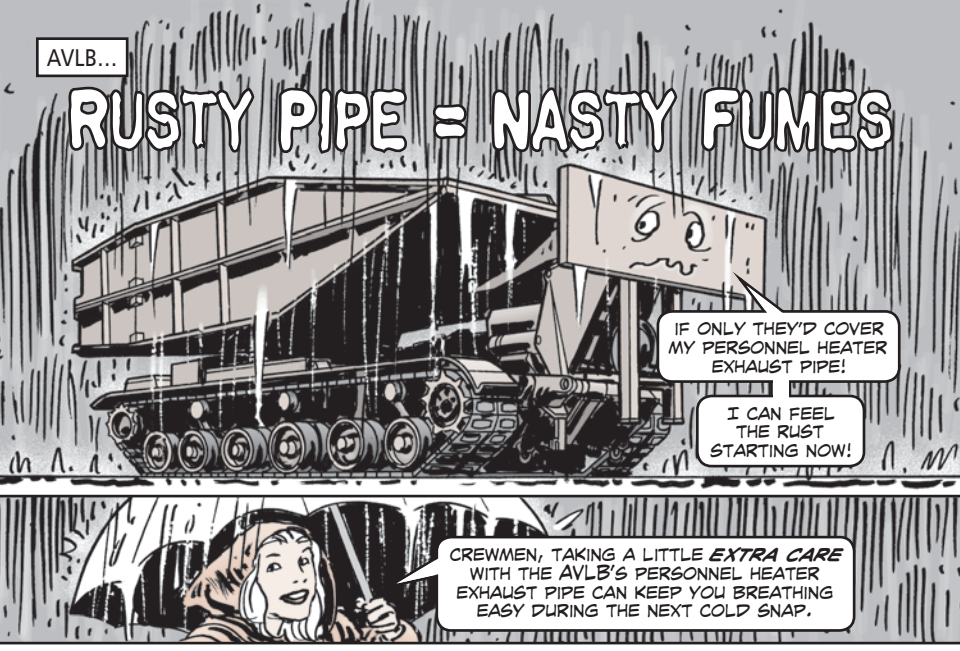
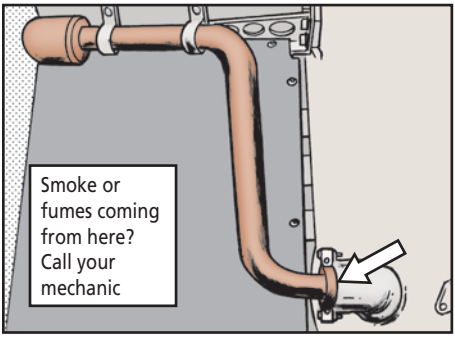



Water from rain, the wash rack and condensation gets inside the exhaust pipe. That creates rust that eats away at the pipe. Eventually, the pipe develops leaks and crumbles away.

A bad exhaust pipe may not vent the heater's fumes, including carbon monoxide. That's bad news for anyone inside the vehicle.




Take a look at the exhaust pipe from the outside the next time the heater's running. If you see smoke or fumes coming from anywhere other than the end of the exhaust pipe, there's a good chance not all exhaust is being properly vented. Call in your mechanic.

The best way to prevent this damage is to keep water out of the exhaust pipe whenever possible. If you're going to the wash rack, cover the pipe with a plastic bag before you start washing. If the vehicle's going to sit in the motor pool for a while, seal the exhaust pipe with a plastic cap or cover it with a tarp to keep out rain. Just remember to remove them before operation.

Taking a few precautions to keep out moisture will let your AVLB—and you—breathe easier.