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Dear Editor,

An exploding battery in the Patriot missile system is something you want to avoid at all costs. This tip can help:

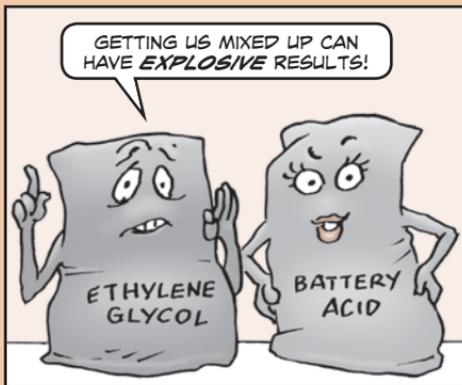
Label ethylene glycol canisters. Ethylene glycol is used in the radar. Unfortunately, the canister it comes in looks like the one for battery acid. We've had repairmen mistakenly put ethylene glycol in batteries, which could cause them to explode. We avoid that mistake by marking on the bags for the canisters whether they are battery acid or ethylene glycol.

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Editor's note: Excellent suggestion, Chiefs. Thanks.

MK 19 Machine Gun...

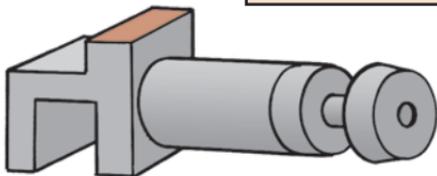
DOUBLE TAKE ON SAFETY SLIDE

Dear Editor,

In PS 684 (Nov 09), you talked about the importance of putting the MK 19 machine gun's safety slide in correctly. If it's installed backwards, the MK 19 could fire even when it's set on SAFETY.

But you said the correct position of the slide is with its tab facing to the rear. That's confusing. You should have said the tab should face the top of the gun and toward the gun's right side.

Tab should face top and toward right



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Editor's note: Good point, Sir. When you're standing behind the weapon, the slide's tab should be on the right and should point up. See Item 4 in WP 10700-2 in TM 9-1010-230-23&P.