

A CLEAN HEATER IS A WORKING HEATER!

BRRR!
IT'S COLD
THIS
MORNING!

AND I BET
THAT PERSONNEL
HEATER WON'T
WORK EITHER!

BELIEVE
ME,
BROTHER...
IT COULD
BE A
WHOLE LOT
WORSE!



Is there anything worse on a cold winter's morning than a personnel heater that won't work? Well, maybe it's not as bad as having your foot run over by an M1 tank...but it's gotta be in the top three.

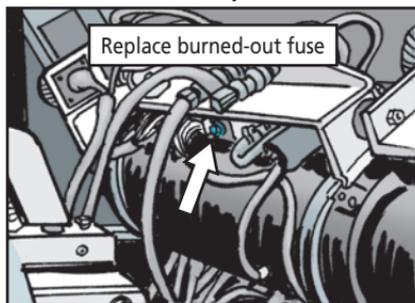
The main culprits behind a non-heating heater are a jammed exhaust fan and burned-out fuse.

Over time, dust and dirt build up inside the heater. When enough debris builds up, it locks up the exhaust fan. If the fan stops turning, the 6.3-amp fuse burns out and the heater shuts down.

Not knowing what's wrong, some operators actually remove the heater and send it in for repairs.

Turns out the fix is fairly simple:

1. Remove the air duct hose, NSN 4720-00-535-7615, from the heater.
2. Vacuum out the accumulated dirt and dust around the fan.
3. Turn the fan back and forth to loosen dirt at the base of the fan and vacuum again.
4. Replace the 6.3-amp fuse, NSN 5920-12-301-5271, if necessary.



Of course, you can usually prevent the problem altogether by cleaning the fan when temperatures start to fall and again at the end of winter. Making sure the air inlet screen, NSN 2510-01-264-0153, is properly installed in the cab will help keep out debris, too.