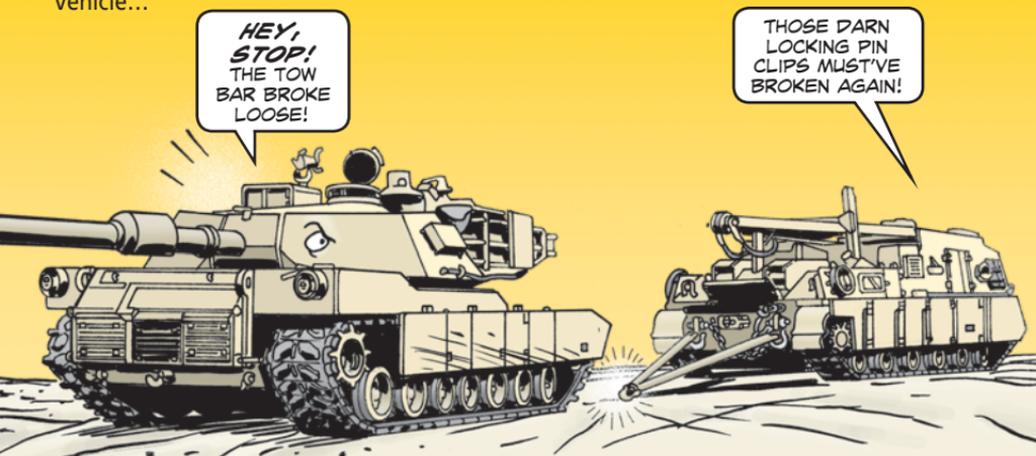


Check Clips for Cracks, Breaks



Mechanics, a manufacturing defect could lead to snapped locking pin clips on your M88A2's tow bar. That's not the best of situations if you're trying to tow a disabled vehicle.

The clips, NSNs 5315-01-439-4165 and 5315-01-436-9974, are used to secure the headless pins at the clevis and lunette ends of the tow bar. Bad clips will snap under stress at the circular portion of the clip's head.

All bad clips have been purged from the Army supply system, but an unknown amount are still in use on fielded vehicles. So inspect the clips on your M88A2 like this:

1. Remove all locking pin clips from the tow bar pins and eyeball them for cracks or breaks. You can assume that any missing clips fell out because they were broken.
2. Reinsert any undamaged clips back into the tow bar pins.
3. Recheck each clip for cracks or breaks.

Undamaged clips are good-to-go. Replace any that are missing or cracked.

You'll find more on this issue in TACOM MA 10-065 at the AEPS website:

https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/mam/tacom_wn/ma10-065.html

