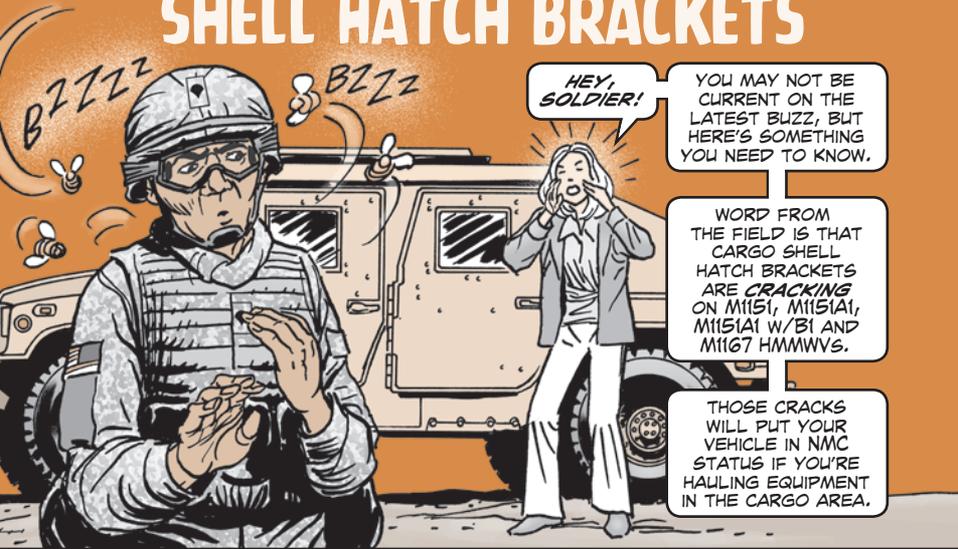


Up-armored
HMMWVs...

THE BUZZ ON CARGO SHELL HATCH BRACKETS



HEY,
SOLDIER!

YOU MAY NOT BE CURRENT ON THE LATEST BUZZ, BUT HERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.

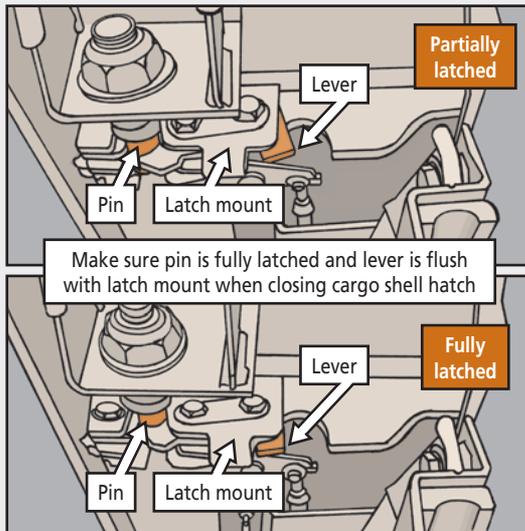
WORD FROM THE FIELD IS THAT CARGO SHELL HATCH BRACKETS ARE CRACKING ON M1151, M1151A1, M1151A1 W/B1 AND M1167 HMMWVs.

THOSE CRACKS WILL PUT YOUR VEHICLE IN NMC STATUS IF YOU'RE HAULING EQUIPMENT IN THE CARGO AREA.

One reason for this failure is that the hatch is opened from the rear position before the forward latch is completely closed to the second detent. When that happens, the added leverage can result in a cracked or failed bracket.

Prevent this problem by reviewing and doing the opening and closing procedures for the cargo shell hatch. That's found in Para 2-32 on Pages 2-96-2-97 of TM 9-2320-387-10 (Oct 97, w/Ch 6, Jun 09).

Some units have welded the brackets as a quick fix, but that's *not* an authorized repair. The truck headshed has approved a much stronger bracket with the same fit and function and similar form as the original bracket.



The original bracket's NSNs may bring either a redesigned or an original bracket until the original brackets are used up. That's OK. Just be sure to correctly open and close the cargo shell hatch, no matter which bracket you get. Order these NSNs:

Left-hand - NSN 2590-01-574-8770

Right-hand - NSN 2590-01-574-8782

Use this link to get bracket installation instructions:

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/23922086>

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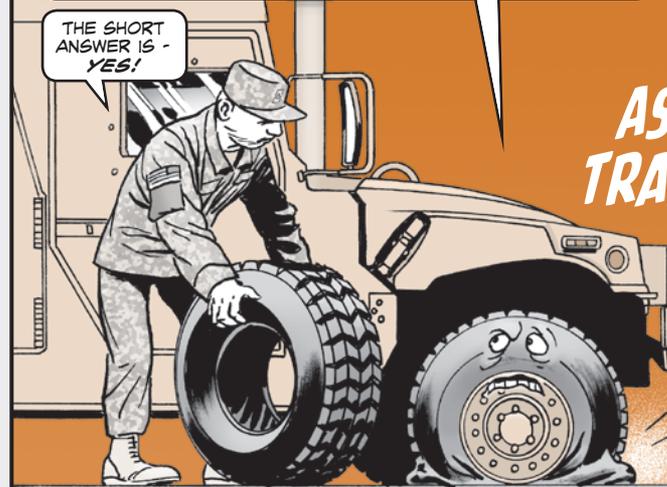
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Wheeled Vehicles...

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW! DO ACTIVE ARMY, NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE SOLDIERS ALL HAVE TO REPLACE ME WITH A WHEEL ASSEMBLY NOW?

THE SHORT ANSWER IS - YES!



ARMY TIRE TO WHEEL ASSEMBLY TRANSITION POLICY

Our article on Pages 10-12 in the December 2010 issue about transitioning from tires to wheel assemblies wasn't clear. In DA Message: SUBJECT: TIRE TO WHEEL ASSEMBLY TRANSITION POLICY FOR ARMY TACTICAL VEHICLES, DTG: 292043Z APR 10, Paragraph 4A explained that Phase 1 was limited to runflat tires for tactical vehicles in the Active Army. Paragraph 4B of the message however did not make it clear that Phase 2 covers not only a wider range of equipment and non-runflat wheel assemblies, it also includes subject vehicles being used by Army Reserve Component units. Also, in most situations units cannot order the tires without the assemblies. But commanders may (in some cases) be able to order tires without the wheel assemblies as non-stocked items.