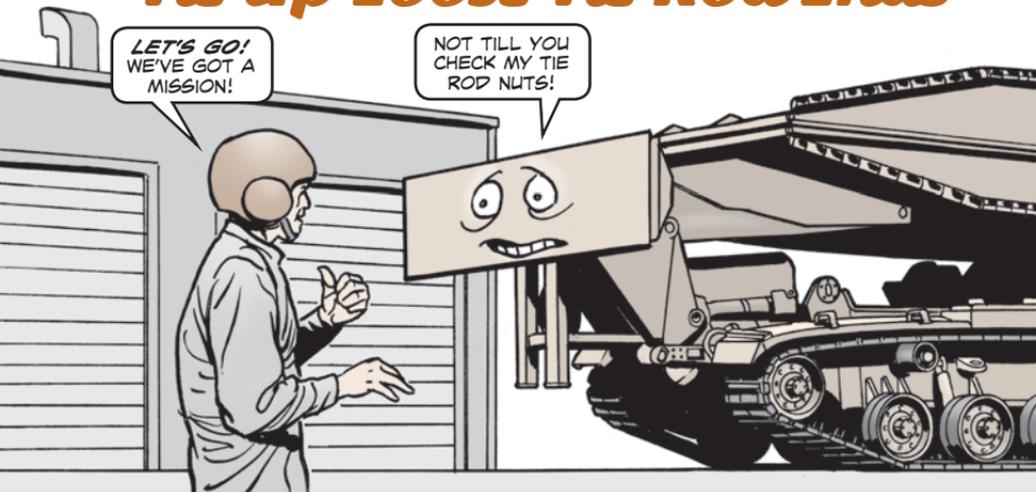


# AVLB... *Tie Up Loose Tie Rod Ends*



**W**hen you're launching or retrieving your AVLB's bridge, you've got a whole lotta weight swinging through the air at one time. So it's important to make sure everything's tight and secure before you begin.

Take the bridge's end panel tie rods, for example. If the securing nut loosens, the tie rod can move. Combine that slight back and forth movement with the stress of folding or unfolding the bridge and the tie rod can bend. Even worse, if the nut comes completely off, the tie rod can slide out and the bridge starts coming apart.

So check each of the nuts before operation. TM 5-5420-203-13 is being changed to add a torque requirement of 25 lb-ft for the two tie rod nuts. If the nut shows signs of damage, replace it with NSN 5310-01-032-2318. If any other tie rod part needs replacement, check out Fig 5 of TM 5-5420-203-24P for the NSN you need.

