

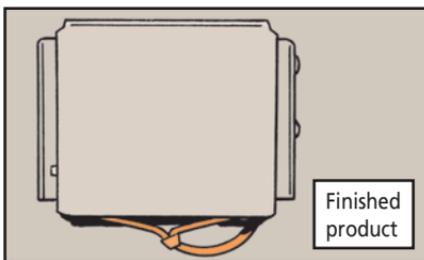
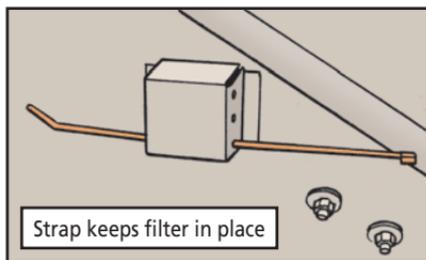
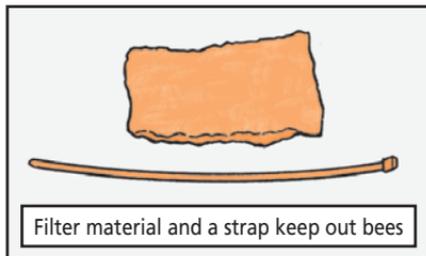
# GETTING BUGS TO BUZZ OFF!

Dear Editor,

Maybe you know others who might have had problems with bees and hornets getting into the battery compartment of 5-ton trucks. In our experience, the bugs get into the truck's battery compartment through the battery breather.

Some of our technicians have been stung while performing routine maintenance! Then the unit was forced into downtime until we could get an exterminator to remove the insects. This costs us both time and money!

To solve the problem, we experimented with some A/C filter material and a strap. We simply slid the filter into the battery breather and put a strap at the bottom to keep the filter in place.



After a few months, I checked the trucks that had the filter. None of the filtered trucks had an insect problem.

We'll have our techs keep installing these filters during A-service until someone comes up with a better idea. Maybe other readers with this problem can do the same.

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*Editor's note: Great tip, Mr. Aponte. Sounds like you found an easy way to make those bugs buzz off. And readers, scouring pads, made of similar material to A/C filters, may also work. NSN 7920-00-045-2940 brings a box of 20 and NSN 5975-00-570-9598 brings 100 tiedown straps.*