

# TAKING CARE OF YOUR COVER



**G**etting things wet that you meant to keep dry can be a problem if your FMTV's cargo cover is ripped. Avoid this by doing one smart action: PMCS!

Check for holes and tears in your truck's cargo cover **before** moving out on a mission. Then plug up any that you see. Patch them with repair kit, NSN 2540-01-496-4442. That should solve your problem while keeping cargo dry and you comfortable.

## Cargo Cover Repair

The repair kit mends **vinyl-coated** cargo covers. Don't use it on canvas because it wasn't made for that. The kit comes with an instruction card, alcohol pads for cleaning the vinyl, scissors and a roll of repair tape.

Here's how to use it:

- Make sure your cargo cover is dry and is placed in an area that is 50°F or higher.
- Find the hole or tear on the inside (or underside) of the fabric. Make all repairs on this side.
- Brush off loose soil or dirt from the area to be taped. Clean the area with an alcohol pad. Wipe a large enough surface so that the tape will fit well inside the cleaned area.
- Let the fabric dry.
- Spread the fabric on a flat surface.
- Cut the tape two inches longer than the hole you want to cover.
- Using the scissors, round off the four corners of the tape. Rounded corners make the tape less likely to peel off.
- Peel off the film liner from the tape as you apply it to the inside of the fabric.
- Press the tape firmly against the fabric. Allow the tape to set, the longer the better. Overnight is best, but give it at least 20 minutes.



## Seam Repair

If rain gets in after you've repaired your truck's canvas cover, you may need to seal the seams. Apply sealant to the seams using a small brush. A pint of sealant comes with NSN 8040-00-262-9028; NSN 8040-00-281-1972 brings you a gallon.