

Take Some Tips on Towing

THE HERCULES IS A LOT HEAVIER AND STRONGER THAN THE OLD M88A1 RECOVERY VEHICLE, BUT YOU STILL NEED TO USE CAUTION WHEN TOWING A TANK. FOLLOW THESE TIPS...

- Always perform the recovery tow operational risk assessment shown on Page 0040 00-2 of TM 9-2350-292-10 (Nov 05, w/Ch 1, Jun 07) to determine if a hold back vehicle—either another tank or a second Hercules—is needed.
- Hook up the towbar following the instructions on Page 0043 00-2 of the -10 TM.
- Never allow anyone to ride in or on the tank being towed.
- Adjust your towing speed for the road conditions. Follow the guidance on Page 0040 00-3 of the -10 TM.
- Avoid steep slopes whenever possible. Your track can slip when towing uphill or downhill at an angle.
- Avoid making sharp turns or sudden stops. Keep turns slow and gradual and stay in first gear.

IF YOU DON'T DO THESE THINGS, THE TANK YOU'RE TOWING CAN JACKKNIFE, PUSH YOU SIDeways, RUN INTO THE BACK OF YOUR VEHICLE, RUIN YOUR TRANSMISSION OR BRAKES, AND MAYBE EVEN FLIP YOUR VEHICLE OVER.

