

M2/M3-Series Bradley...

GLUB!
IT WON'T TAKE
MUCH OF THIS TO
RUST MY HATCH!

No PM Means a RUSTY LATCH

Take some metal, add a little water and what do you get? You guessed it—rust! And you can expect the same answer when it comes to the commander's hatch on your Bradley.

When the hatch is left open, rain and condensation pool around the hatch cover latch. The water seeps inside the latch and rusts the slide pin and spring. Then the latch won't move, so you can't move the hatch to the pop-up position.

Keep the latch moving with a shot of aerosol dry-film lubricant, NSN 9150-01-260-2534, about every 120 days. Move the latch back and forth a few times to work in the lubricant.

If the latch is hard to move or won't budge at all, get your mechanic to remove the latch cover and clean and lube the area around the slide and spring with dry-film lubricant.

The hinges and hatch release pin also get exposed to the elements. Without lube, you'll hear a lot of creaking and groaning when you try to open and lock the hatch—if it'll move at all.

Put a few drops of OE/HDO on the hinges and release pin quarterly. Then exercise the hatch a few times to work in the oil.

