



Those months when winter turns to Spring at the worksite can fool you.

Mud is wet and soft during the day, but at night it can freeze as hard as concrete. A vehicle left sitting in the mud at day's end will be frozen in the mud by morning.

It doesn't matter if you're in the DEUCE, D5B or D7G tractors, or the M9 ACE—don't rock or bounce a frozen vehicle loose! You'll end up with broken track and snapped drive sprocket teeth, not to mention a vehicle that's still stuck and going nowhere.

HERE'S HOW TO PREVENT THAT PROBLEM BEFORE THE SUN GOES DOWN...

- Park your vehicle on high ground if possible. Water drains downhill, so the mud won't be quite as deep.
- Avoid parking in deep ruts worn by other vehicles. Some are deep enough to bottom out your vehicle's hull. Leave it there and you won't be moving until the weather warms up.



- Use a shovel to scoop out mud that has collected on and around drive sprockets. If there's no mud, it can't freeze.

