

WHOA, NELLY!  
WHAT'S WITH  
THE ATTITUDE?  
DIDN'T YOU GET  
YOUR MORNING  
GRINDS?

THE ONLY  
GRINDING  
I'M GONNA  
DO IS ON  
YOUR HAND  
IF YOU  
DON'T FIX  
MY BROKEN  
HINGE  
POINTS!

**NIP  
LADDER  
BITE  
IN BUD**

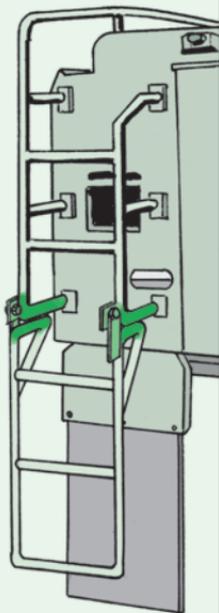
Soldiers, some of you climb up and down M978, M978A, and M978A4 HEMTT tanker ladders many times a year to tackle tasks like fueling vehicles or aircraft.

Most of the time, you probably don't give a second look or thought to those vehicle access ladders. They're just a means to get from Point A to Point B. So while the ladders are there, you may not really "see" them anymore.

Well, turns out that ladders need PMCS, too. Injuries have been caused by damaged HEMTT ladders—some serious enough that workers have lost fingers.

Even on a ladder that is not damaged, the hinge between the bottom and top halves of the ladder is a pinch point. Follow the warnings in the TM and keep hands clear of the ladder hinge.

Ladder hinge is a pinch point. Keep hands clear



When doing weekly PMCS on your HEMTT, don't forget to check that the safety pins are in place to secure the ladder properly. Repair or replace any damaged components you find. If necessary, replace the whole ladder.

A ladder can get damaged when it's accidentally left in the down position. Remember to stow your HEMTT's ladder when it's not in use or before you move the truck. Follow the guidance in your specific HEMTT model's operator's manual.

Use these NSNs to order new retention pin hardware for ladders

Item	NSN
Wire rope	4010-01-162-9825
Clevis pin	5315-01-197-0608
Ladder clip	5340-01-155-3590

Remember, taking the time to fix a broken ladder now sure beats trying to fix a busted finger down the road.