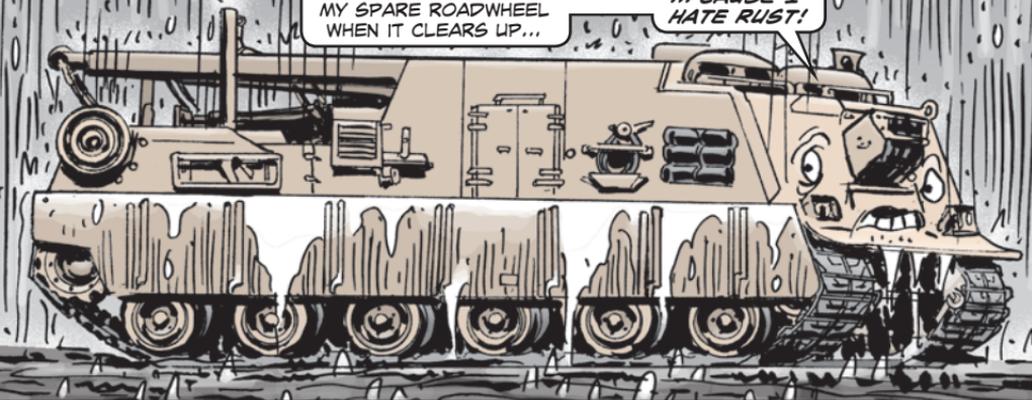


RUSTY ROADWHEEL IS RUINED

I HOPE THEY REMEMBER TO DRY OUT MY SPARE ROADWHEEL WHEN IT CLEARS UP...

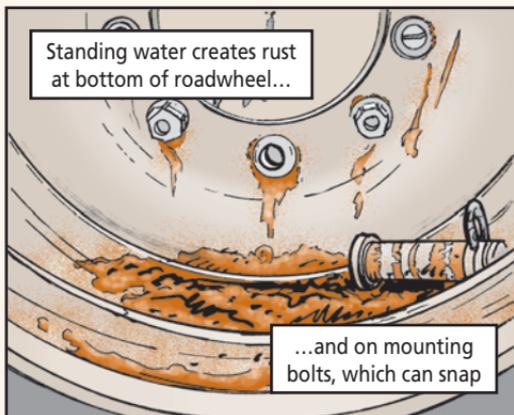
... 'CAUSE I HATE RUST!



The spare roadwheel hanging on the side of your M88-series recovery vehicle will turn into a rusty ornament if you don't keep it dry, mechanics.

When bolted to the side of the vehicle, the roadwheel sits at an angle. That allows rain and wash water to pool in the bottom of the roadwheel. The water sits there until it evaporates.

When this happens over and over, rust is the result. Not only does the bottom of the roadwheel develop severe rust, but the lug nuts can actually rust in place on the mounting bolts. Those rusted bolts often snap when you try to remove the nuts.



Standing water creates rust at bottom of roadwheel...

...and on mounting bolts, which can snap

You can prevent the damage, but it'll take a little work on your part. First, use a little antiseize compound on the lug nuts and bolts when mounting the spare roadwheel. That prevents rust and makes the nuts easier to remove later. Get a 4-oz tube of antiseize compound with NSN 8030-00-059-2761.

Second, after washing your vehicle, and after any rainfall, take a few rags and soak up the pool of water in the bottom of the roadwheel. That will keep the roadwheel ready when you need it.