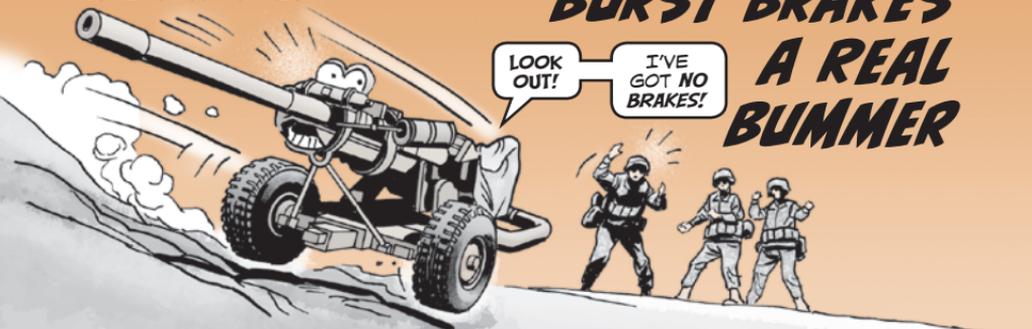


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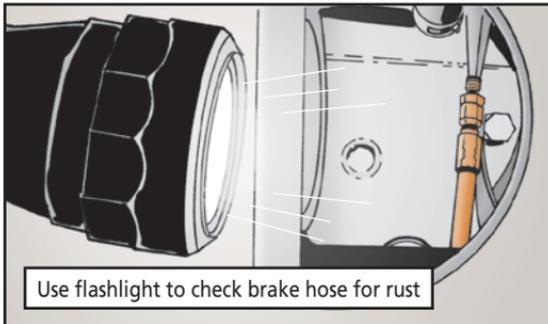
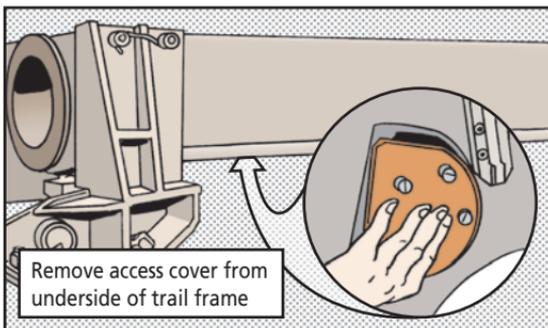
Dear Editor,

While performing scheduled services, we've noticed that the M119A2's brake hose, NSN 4720-01-344-6034, is badly rusted about 80 percent of the time. Those rusty hoses can easily burst during brake tests and normal operation.

We recommend that operators keep a close eye on this brake hose and that it also be checked during every service. It's also a good idea to make sure the drain plugs, NSN 5365-01-488-7429, and access cover gasket, NSN 9320-01-343-1778, are in good condition.

The brake hose is easy to reach. Just open the right-hand (curbside) access cover, PN 12591232, on the underside of the trail frame. Then use a flashlight to look at the brake hose inside the frame chamber. If it's rusty, get the brake hose replaced right away.

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Editor's note: An excellent suggestion, gentlemen. The procedure for replacing the brake hose is in WP 0045 00 of TM 9-1015-252-34 (Aug 06, w/Ch 1, Feb 08).