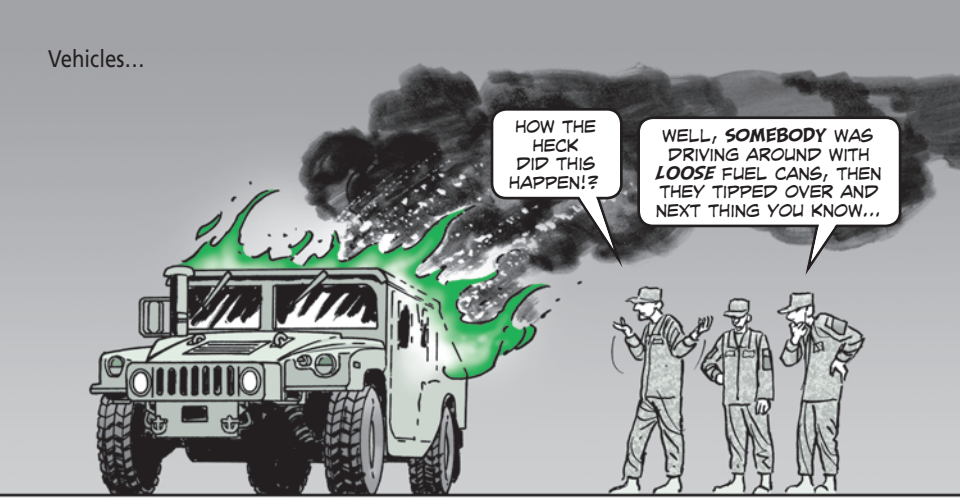

Stow That Fuel Can!

Dear Half-Mast,
Is it OK to transport full 5-gal fuel cans of JP-8 in HMMWVs if the cans are not stowed in the brackets?
SFC B.J.R

Dear Sergeant B.J.R.,

No. *It's not OK. In fact, it's downright unsafe. Fuel cans* ***must not*** *be carried "loose" inside a vehicle. They could tip over, spill JP-8 and create a fire hazard. It doesn't matter whether they're full or half full. Loose fuel cans pose a risk.*

For proper stowage of fuel cans and other equipment, see Appendix F, On-Vehicle Equipment Loading Plans, *in your vehicle's -10 TM. This is a standard load plan, and every vehicle has one. Your HMMWV's load plan calls for stowing each fuel can where it belongs: in the fuel can stowage bracket. Use the footman loops and strap to secure the can. If equipment's not shown in the load plan or in Appendix B,* Stowage and Sign Guide, *load it according to local command policy.*

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