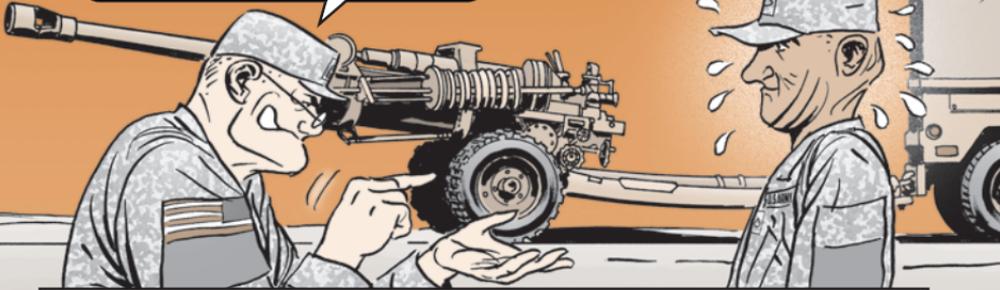


USING JACK STANDS IN THE **WRONG** LOCATION IS A SURE WAY TO CAUSE **DAMAGE** TO YOUR M119A2!



Dear Editor,

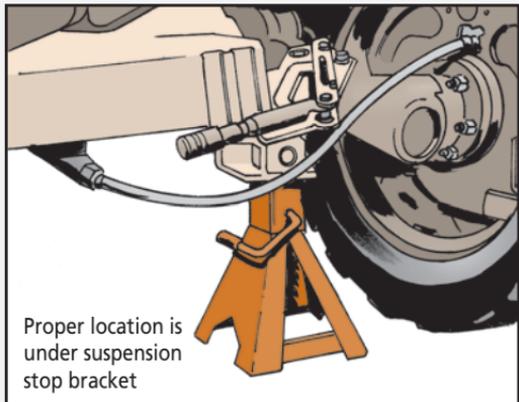
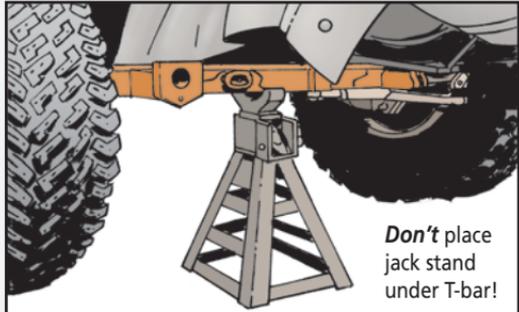
During several recent site visits, we've found that units have been using jack stands in the wrong place when performing maintenance on their M119A2 howitzers.

When the jack stand is placed under the forward portion of the trail assembly (the T-bar), the weight of the howitzer could cause some significant damage to the T-bar. This area has a machined, precision surface that plays a vital role in plane setting, boresighting and the fire control alignment test (FCAT).

This area of the howitzer is also used for the gunner's quadrant, so it's very important that it remain in good condition.

Could you let everyone know that the proper location for the jack stand is under the suspension stop bracket? It's called out in WP 0032 004 of TM 9-1015-252-20&P (Aug 06, w/Ch 1, Feb 08).

Michael Quig
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Editor's note: Consider them told, gentlemen!