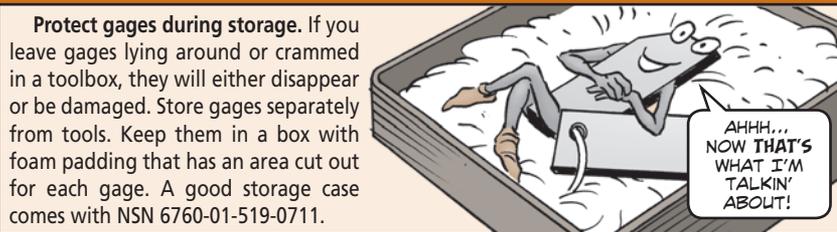
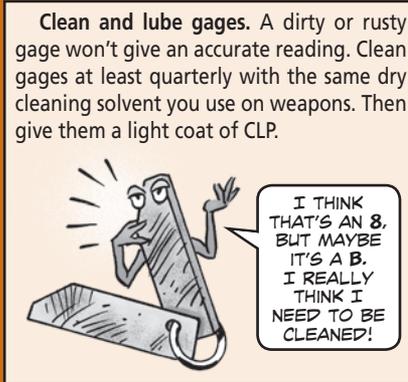


Small Arms... PM Keeps Gages Accurate



A gage that's no longer accurate is about as useful as a bore brush that has no bristles. If your gages are going to keep your unit's rifles, pistols and machine guns accurate, then you need to be accurate with their PM.

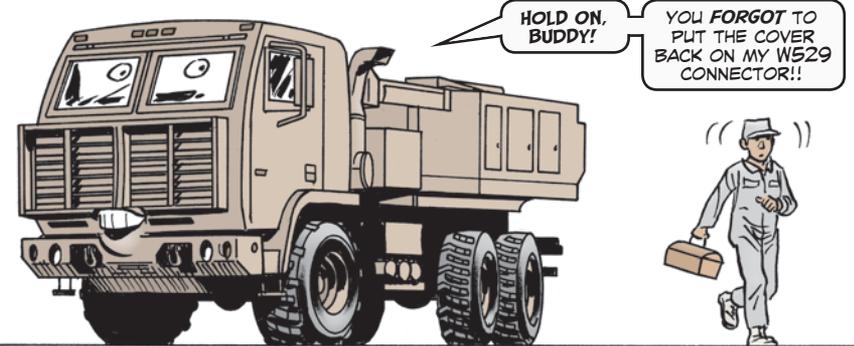


Keep gages calibrated. TB 43-180, which governs gages, says they must be calibrated every 360 days. (Air Force personnel can find the same information in TO 33K-1-100-2.) Keep copies of DA Form 3023, the calibration record, stored in a safe place so you can prove your gages were calibrated.



HIMARS...

COVER STOPS CABLE FAILURE



Since 2007, the HIMARS' W529 cable assembly has failed 38 times. Half those failures were in 2011. The W529 is failing because crews fail to install its cover.

The W529 cable connector has a cover that should always be installed except when the SNVT test is being run or when the W19P2 cable is stowed. When the test is over, the cover needs to be put right back on and left there.

Without the cover, the connector has no protection against moisture or backblast from rockets firing. Corrosion eats away at the connector's pins and soon there's no electrical connection.

So do your HIMARS a favor and use the W529 cover. And check for the cover during your weekly PMCS. Order a new one through your Lockheed Martin rep with P/N MS27502B17N if it's missing.

