

THE "EYES" DON'T HAVE IT!



When you're pulling the powerpack on an M1-series tank, you can't just hook the lifting sling to whatever's handy.

Some crewmen and mechanics are making the mistake of using the exhaust duct lifting eye. That eye just doesn't have the strength to hold up under the weight of the pack. It can snap in the middle of the lift, damaging the pack and injuring anyone who might be in its way.

Normally, the lifting eye is closed off with an access cover to prevent accidental use. There's even a stencil with a big red arrow pointing to the eye that reads:

CAUTION
EXHAUST-DUCT LIFT ONLY
NOT POWERPACK

Trouble is, the access cover is sometimes missing and the stencil is often covered with dirt. So it's really easy to hook up to the lifting eye if you're not paying attention.

