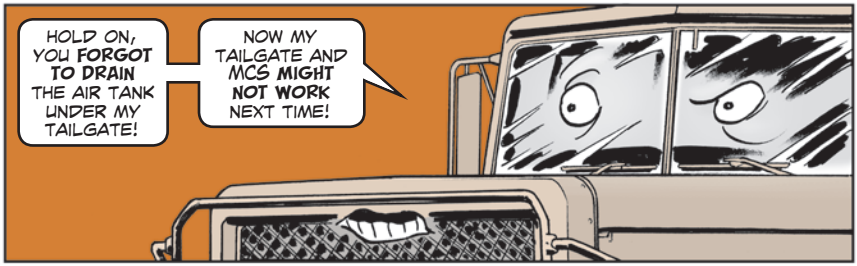
Tailgate Air Drain



Operators, you're not done with PMCS until the air tank for the truck's tailgate and material control system (MCS) is drained.

This seldom happens because the tank is in the back of the vehicle under the tailgate's cover. But when the temperature drops, condensation gets into the air lines and solenoid-controlled air cylinders.

That condensation during operation makes the tailgate become sluggish or lock up. Dumping operations come to a halt because the tailgate won't open or close.

So pull the air tank pull-cable to let any water out. Release the pull-cable when all the water and air have drained. This procedure is shown as Step 16 of the operator's PMCS in TM 5-3805-264-14&P (Dec 05, w/Ch 1, Feb 11).