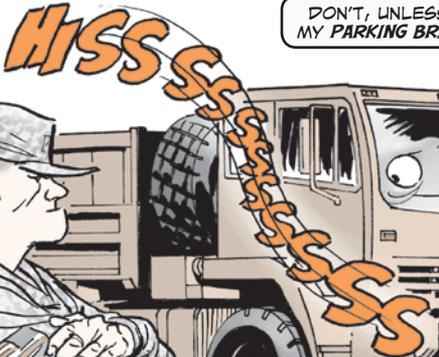


FMTV... Plugged Gladhand Can *Lock* Brakes

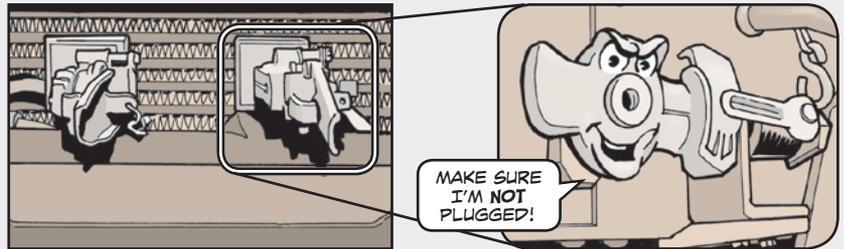
I'M GONNA PLUG THAT LEAKING GLADHAND!



DON'T, UNLESS YOU WANT MY PARKING BRAKE TO FAIL!

Resist the urge to plug a leaking front air system gladhand on your FMTV truck. If it's plugged, the parking brake won't be able to lock the spring brakes on the rear wheels.

The gladhands must vent as designed when the truck is placed in SYSTEM PARK so it won't roll away. Any plug used to seal off a gladhand takes away the venting.



MAKE SURE I'M NOT PLUGGED!

If the spring brake system doesn't work right, the truck will roll when put in SYSTEM PARK. Then that truck you were sure would stay where you left it could end up really close to you—maybe too close!

So when you've got a front gladhand leak, get a mechanic to fix it. Most of the time, the problem can be fixed by servicing or replacing the one-way check valve inside the front gladhands.

Note that your truck's rear brake could also seize in freezing temperatures. If your rear brake seizes, check to see if there is snow or ice on the front bumper's service gladhand vent.

If there is, remove the snow and ice by lightly tapping the gladhand vent. That may solve the problem.

If it doesn't, wait about 10 minutes to see if that makes a difference. That short delay can sometimes produce good results.

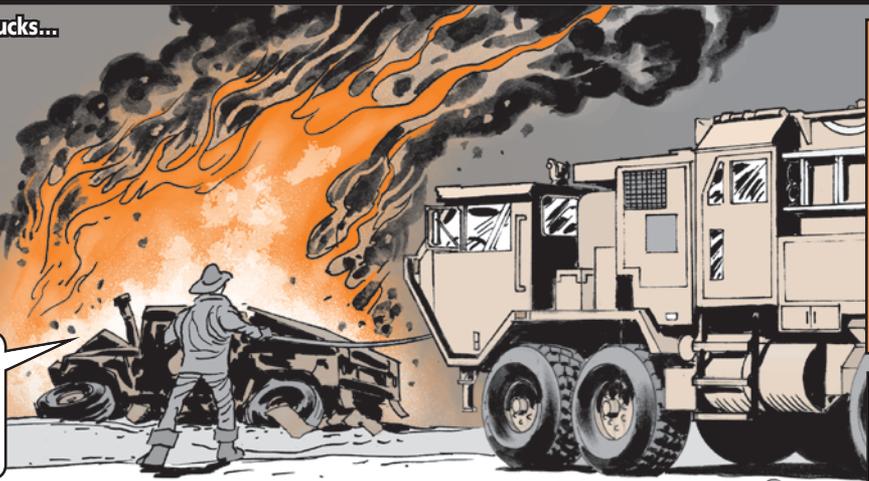
Still have the brake problem? Time for a mechanic to do some brake troubleshooting.

DRIVERS, GET A MECHANIC TO FIX A GLADHAND LEAK. IT'S *NOT* YOUR JOB!



M1142 TFFT, M1158 HEWATT Trucks...

AVOID FROZEN PIPES!



HELLO, SOLDIERS! I WAS ON MY FACEBOOK PAGE THE OTHER DAY AND ONE OF MY FRIENDS ASKED US TO TALK ABOUT FIREFIGHTING.



HE WANTED US TO REMIND YOU FIREFIGHTING ENGINEERS THAT IT'S TIME TO BLOW OUT YOUR TACTICAL FIRE FIGHTING TRUCKS (TFFTS) AND HEMTT-BASED WATER TENDER TRUCKS (HEWATTS) BEFORE THE COLD WEATHER HITS.

TOO EASY!

IF YOU **DON'T** BLOW WATER OUT OF THE PUMP AND PIPES IN YOUR TFFT AND HEWATT TRUCKS, COLD WEATHER BELOW 32°F COULD **DAMAGE** THEM WHEN THEY AREN'T IN USE.

YOU CAN FIND THE BLOWOUT PROCEDURES FOR THE TFFT IN WP 0044 OF TM 5-4210-249-13&P-1 (FEB 09).

BLOWOUT PROCEDURES FOR THE HEWATT ARE IN WP 0033 OF TM 9-2320-328-13&P-1 (MAR 09).