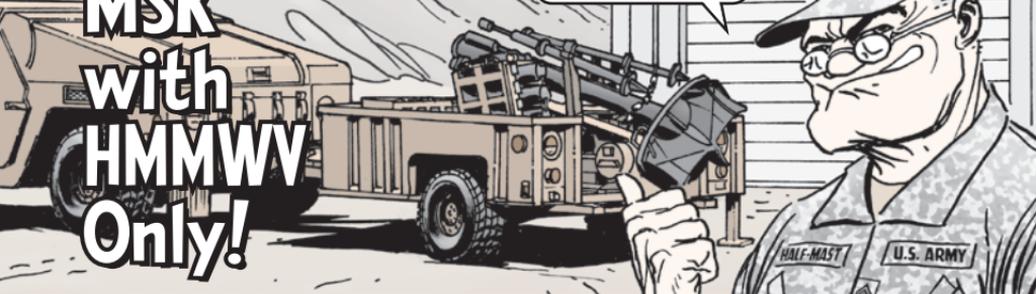


Mortars...

# Tow MSK with HMMWV Only!

THE M326 MORTAR STOWAGE KIT (MSK) FOR THE M120MM MORTAR CAN'T BE TOWED WITH JUST ANY VEHICLE.

THE ONE AND ONLY VEHICLE THAT CAN SAFELY TOW THE MSK IS THE HMMWV.



Some units have tried using other vehicles. The result was broken MSK guide rails and upper guide plates. They make the MSK NMC, plus they're expensive to fix. So tow with the HMMWV only.

If you have any questions about the MSK, contact TACOM's Erik Jensen at DSN 786-1220, (586) 282-1220, or email: [erik.s.jensen4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:erik.s.jensen4.civ@mail.mil)

M9 Pistol...

## SAFETY LEVER UNSAFE?

Dear Editor,

The M9 pistol has been in use long enough that armorers need to be on the lookout for worn parts. We have seen several instances at Ft Carson where M9 safety levers have become worn to the point that there's too much distance between the lever and the hammer release lever. That makes the pistol unsafe.

Operators and armorers need to make a point of doing the Safety/Function check found in both TM 9-1005-317-10 and -23&P: "Rotate the decocking/safety lever to the SAFE (down) position. Manually cock hammer and release. Hammer should fall to full forward position." If the hammer stays cocked, the M9 is not safe to fire.

This is part of the operator's BEFORE PMCS, so this check always needs to be done before the M9 is fired.

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*Editor's note: Excellent tip, Terry. Thanks for letting us know this has become a problem.*