

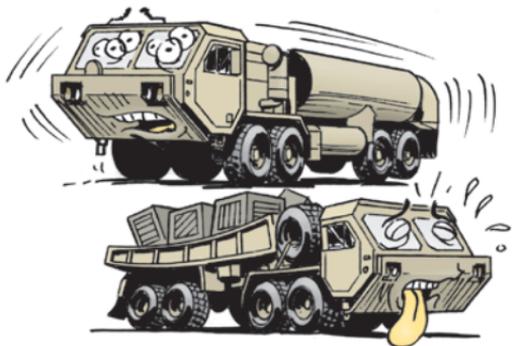
HEMTT -A4... THRIFTY TROUBLESHOOTING TRICK

AHH...ANOTHER WONDERFUL DAY AT JBLM, WASHINGTON.

WHAT UP, GOMEZ?

MAN, I'VE GOT THESE HEMTT -A4S TO FIX...

ONE RUNS ROUGH AND VIBRATES...



...AND THE OTHER ONE LOSES POWER UNDER HEAVY LOADS AND WHEN GOING UP STEEP HILLS.

HEY, WE JUST FIXED A COUPLE OF TRUCKS WITH THOSE SAME PROBLEMS!

OUR TROUBLESHOOTING SUGGESTED THERE MIGHT BE A PROBLEM WITH THE ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULE (ECM).

BUT A BAD FUEL FILTER CAN CAUSE THIS TYPE OF TROUBLE, TOO.

SO WE CHANGED OUT THE FUEL FILTER TO SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN...

...AND THE PROBLEM WENT AWAY!

DIDN'T THE FUEL FILTER GET CHANGED DURING SERVICES?

YEAH. BUT YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN DIRTY FUEL OR A PIECE OF CRUD MIGHT CLOG IT UP.

AND IT'S A LOT CHEAPER TO CHANGE OUT A FUEL FILTER THAN TO REPLACE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS.

SO MAYBE YOU SHOULD CHECK THE FUEL FILTER *BEFORE* DOING OTHER TROUBLESHOOTING.

I GUESS IT WOULDN'T HURT TO TRY THAT TRICK.

THE FUEL FILTERS CAN GET DIRTY EVEN WITH REGULAR SERVICING.

WITH TIGHTER BUDGETS, IT MAKES SENSE TO TRY TO SAVE A UNIT'S CENTS.