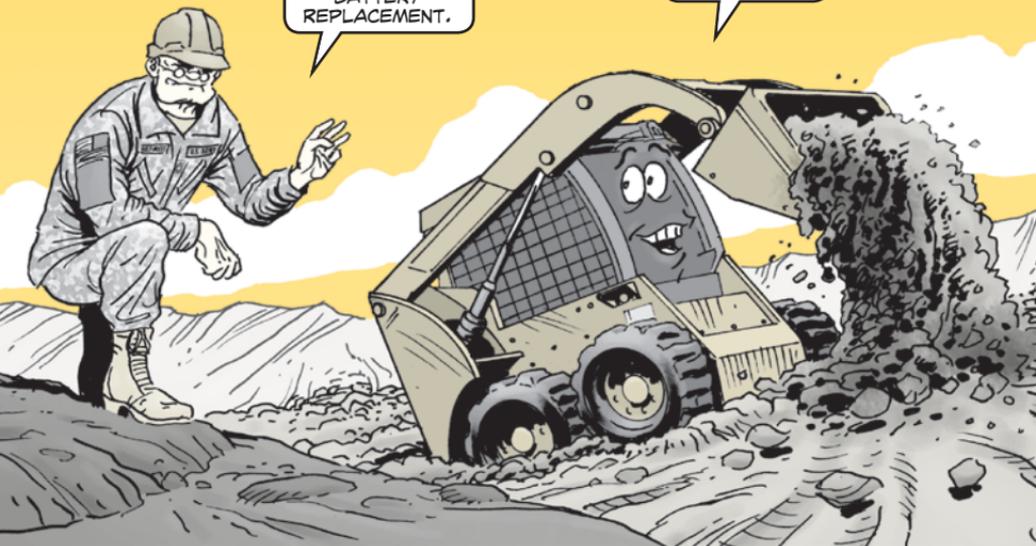


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Dear Editor,

In our unit, most of the skid loaders had the yellow-top Optima batteries. Problem is, they continually discharged.

At first we thought the discharge was caused by the power switch being left in the ON position. But a little checking with an amp meter revealed a constant drain on the batteries by the skid loader's on-board devices.

These batteries are very high quality, but even they cannot stand a constant drain by the loader's electrical system. A discharged battery leads to sulfated plates. Over time, the battery can no longer be charged and has to be replaced. The end result is way too many dead batteries in these skid loaders. And the cycle continues.

Here are three ways to stop needless battery replacement:

1. Start the skid loader weekly and run it for an hour.
2. For longer term storage, disconnect the battery cable.
3. Every other week, plug a charger into the vehicle's NATO receptacle and fully charge the battery set. The ProHD is an approved charger for the SATS and comes with NSN 6130-01-500-3401.

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Editor's note: Thanks for the heads up!