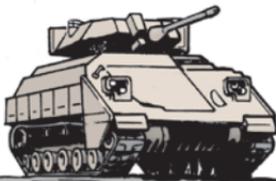


# USE A PENCIL, NOT YOUR FINGERS!



I'VE GOT ALL I NEED TO MEASURE TRACK TENSION RIGHT HERE!



Dear Editor,

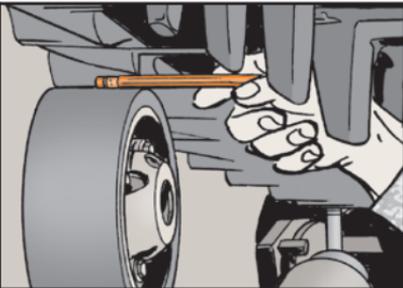
In our work supporting Ft Carson's Bradleys, we keep running into Soldiers who go by the two-finger rule for measuring track tension. That's just plain wrong. If you measure with two fingers, you'll get the wrong track tension and track that wears out too fast.

Measure with a pencil, not your fingers. After every operation, let the Bradley coast forward to a complete stop on firm, level ground. Stop the engine and try turning the rear support roller with one hand. The roller should turn freely, but with only enough room between the track and roller for a pencil to pass through.

If there's more room than that, the track is too tight. If the roller won't turn at all, the track is too loose.

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Use pencil (not your finger) to check space between rear support roller and track



**Editor's note:** If you need a refresher on how to tighten or loosen track, see Page 5 in PS 661 (Dec 07). You can find it online at:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2007/661/661-04-05.pdf>