

WHAT
A MESS!

WE'RE GONNA
NEED A TOW
BACK TO THE
MOTOR POOL!

AND DON'T
FORGET TO
DO A PQDR
ON THAT OIL
FILTER!

BAD ENGINE OIL FILTERS COULD BLOW!

Dear Half-Mast,

Our mechanics are finding that the oil filter, NSN 2940-01-197-7106, called for in the M113A3's TM 9-2350-277-24P, can fail.

When taking M113A3s for a road test after a scheduled service, we've experienced several oil filter seals that have blown, causing a real HAZMAT mess and requiring a tow back to the shop for repair.

We've found a different oil filter, NSN 2940-01-314-1345, that doesn't seem to have any problems. Is it OK to use?

SGT C.S.

Dear Sergeant C.S.,

Don't use the substitute oil filter. Only use the oil filter called for in the TM. If that filter has a soft rubber gasket rather than a hard one, it's likely a bad filter. Don't use it.

The best way to correct this problem is by submitting a PQDR. Go to:

<https://www.pdrep.csd.disa.mil/>

Once there, click on EZ PDR Logon in the left-hand column, log in with your CAC and follow the instructions. Make sure you hold on to the filter and packaging. It may be needed as part of the investigation.

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Half-Mast