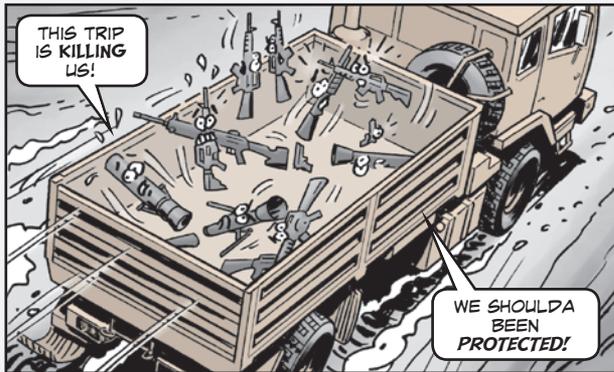


PACK FOR SAFE TRAVEL



Machine guns, rifles and mortars suffer major damage each year because Soldiers carelessly load weapons in trucks for transport.

Weapons are left lying loose in truck beds where they can bounce up and down and side to side. By the time weapons get to their destination, their sights have been snapped off, handles bent and, especially in the case of M2s, barrel threads ruined.

What must really frost a company commander is when he sends a weapon to support for a minor repair, but after the weapon has endured the trip's beating, that minor repair has turned into major damage.

It takes so little to give your weapons a safe trip. The best solution, if your unit can afford it, is transport racks. Companies like Spacesaver, Marvel and Stanley Vidmar offer racks specifically designed for travel. Check them out online.

Lock your weapons in the racks, put the racks securely in the back of a truck and your weapons will survive the trip with no problem.



NSN 8135-00-300-4905 brings 225 feet of foam cushioning material and NSN 8135-00-926-8990 gets 250 feet of bubble wrap. Either one can protect weapons during travel. Old blankets and sleeping mats work well, too. Wrap the weapons in the cushioning material and make sure they are braced in place so they can't roll around.

Then you can say bon voyage to your weapons with a clear conscience.



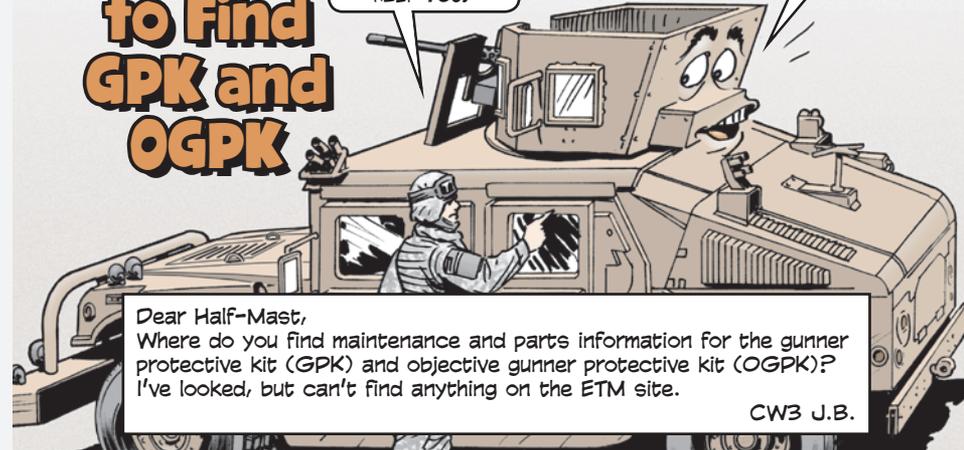
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Where to Find GPK and OGPK

I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE A BIG HELP TO US... BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO HELP YOU!

NO WORRIES! MY MAINTENANCE AND PARTS INFO IS IN A BRAND-NEW TM.

AND WHAT YOU CAN'T FIND THERE, YOU CAN GET FROM TACOM.



Dear Half-Mast,
Where do you find maintenance and parts information for the gunner protective kit (GPK) and objective gunner protective kit (OGPK)? I've looked, but can't find anything on the ETM site.

CW3 J.B.

Dear Chief J.B.,
For the GPK, you can find maintenance information in TM 9-2320-387-24-1 and -24-2. Parts info is in TM 9-2320-387-24P. Maintenance and parts info for the OGPK is in TM 9-2320-441-13&P. All of the TMs are on the ETM site: <https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms>

If you have trouble locating a part for GPK or OGPK for vehicles other than MRAP, contact TACOM's Jerry Dziura at DSN 786-4302, (586) 282-4302, or email: jerry.dziura@us.army.mil

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Half-Mast