

FMTV...

HEY! WE **DON'T** HAVE A CAB SUPPORT TOOL!

BUT I THINK I CAN KNOCK OUT THIS FMTV MAINTENANCE **WITHOUT** IT.

**BAD IDEA, SERGEANT!** THAT TOOL IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT YOU!

## CAB SUPPORT TOOL SAVES LIVES

**E**xperience is never a substitute for the education you get from your vehicle's TM. Sadly, a seasoned mechanic found that out the hard way. While replacing the cab hydraulic cylinder on an M1078 LMTV, the 3,000-lb cab dropped on him. He didn't survive.

Mechanics, make sure you follow the guidance in the TM **every time** you work on vehicles. You'll find the procedure for replacing the cab hydraulic cylinder in your FMTV's maintenance TMs. They call for the use of a cab support tool that keeps the cab from falling.

Your unit can order the cab support tool using NSN 2590-01-559-7459. It can be used on FMTV -A0, -A1, and -A1R trucks and is included with the FMTV field-level maintenance special tools kit, NSN 5180-01-545-9967. There's no requirement for a cab support tool to be used on FMTV -A1P2 LTAS trucks.

Or the life-saving cab support tool can be made using flat bar steel, a piece of angle iron, and Insulgrip (PN H.S. 105VW-1). You can use the fabrication details that start on Page E-6 of TM 9-2320-365-20-4.

Keep in mind that if your unit doesn't have a cab support tool, you shouldn't be doing maintenance that requires it. Make sure you use either a cab support tool or a suitable lifting device to protect yourself.

On the work order, show the truck in a "P" status until the tool is available. That means it's NMC for lack of facility, tools, test equipment or completion of intra-shop work requests.

**Use cab support tool when required by TM procedure**

