

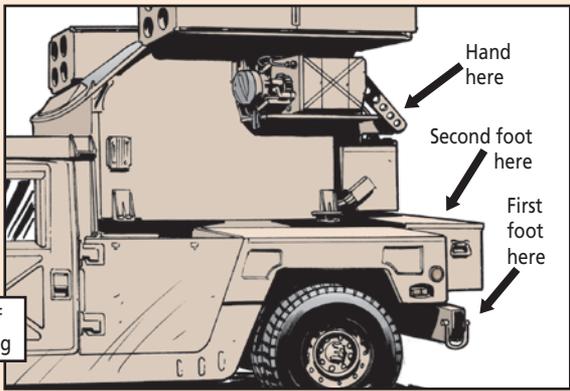
WATCH WHERE YOU STEP... AND SIT!

THAT SOLDIER SHOULD HAVE READ THIS ARTICLE BEFORE HE STARTED CLIMBING AROUND ON THE AVENGER!

Put your foot or rear end in the wrong place and both you and your Avenger can suffer real damage. Here are few rules to remember while stepping or sitting on your Avenger:

Always Use Three Points of Contact

There's not much room for climbing around on the Avenger, which means not much room for error. A slip can lead to a long fall. That's why it's important to maintain those three points of contact at all times.



Use three points of contact for climbing

Inspect Non-skid Strips

The strips are located all around the Avenger to keep your boots from slipping. Unfortunately, those strips wear out and then the slipping begins. If strips need replacing, order more with NSN 7220-00-823-7419. That gets you a 60-ft roll.



Check non-skid strips and replace if they're worn out

NO STEP Means No Step

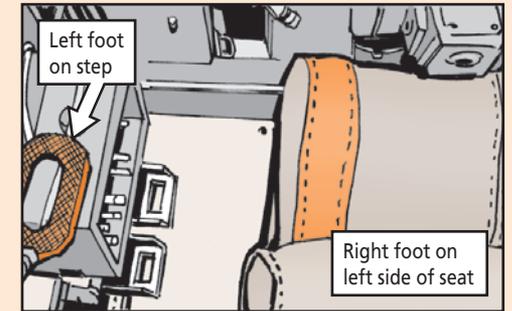
There are NO STEP areas all over the Avenger and HMWWV. If you don't pay attention to where you put your feet, you can easily crack something like the vehicle hood.



Be Careful Climbing into the Turret

Take off all your gear before you enter the turret. There's definitely **no room** for backpacks and weapons. Keep your feet away from the optical display unit, too. It doesn't take much to break it.

Climb into the turret by putting your left foot on the step on the left side of the turret and then your right foot on the left side of the seat. Climb out by reversing that. Don't do it any other way. If you step in the seat's center, you can crack it. And don't use the antenna as a hand-hold. If it's keyed, you'll get a nasty shock!



Left foot on step

Right foot on left side of seat

Don't Sit on the Missile Pods



IF THE POD'S BRAKE IS NOT SET, THE POD DROPS WHEN YOU SIT AND YOU TAKE A TUMBLE.

