

That's the SATS Facts

THESE ARE GREAT SATS SUGGESTIONS!

AND THAT'S A FACT.

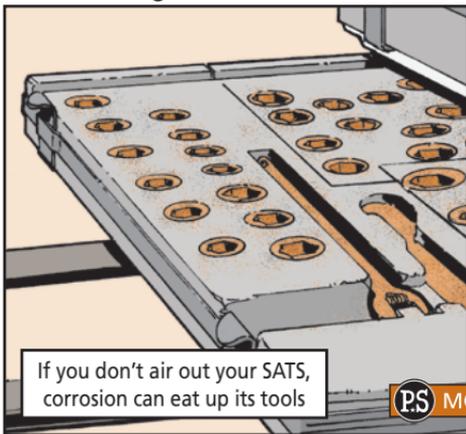
Dear Editor,

Taking care of the standard automotive tool sets (SATS) here at Ft Stewart, we've learned a few lessons—sometimes the hard way. Here are the SATS facts:

Don't Let SATS Sit Forgotten

Our unit was deployed for a year. When we returned, we discovered our SATS hadn't been opened in all that time. Moisture had collected inside. The resulting corrosion damaged a number of the tools.

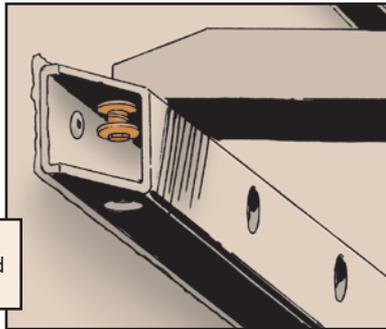
SATS needs to be opened and aired out at least monthly, maybe more often in humid areas like Ft Stewart. That includes opening up the drawers and wiping off any moisture that's formed on the tools. It helps to install some corrosion-inhibiting vapor capsules, NSN 6810-01-590-1676, and change them quarterly.



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Don't Forget Locking Pin for Generator Door

The door needs to be open when the generator is running. But if you forget to install the locking pin, the wind will blow the door shut. Same thing happens if you don't have the pin fully inserted. Vibration pushes the pin out. But remember to remove the locking pin before you shut the door. Otherwise, you break the pin.

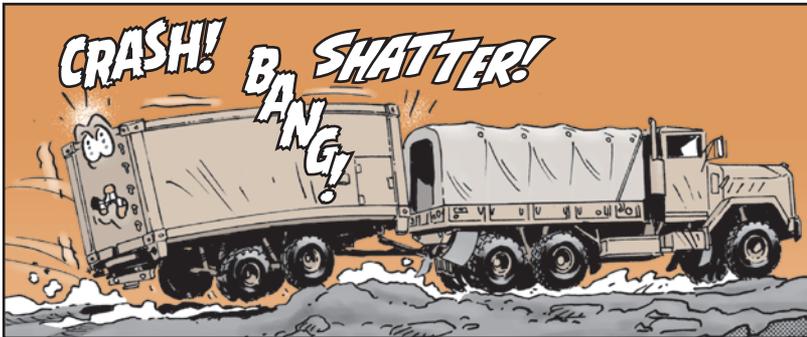


Make sure locking pin for generator door is installed securely when door is open and removed before closing door

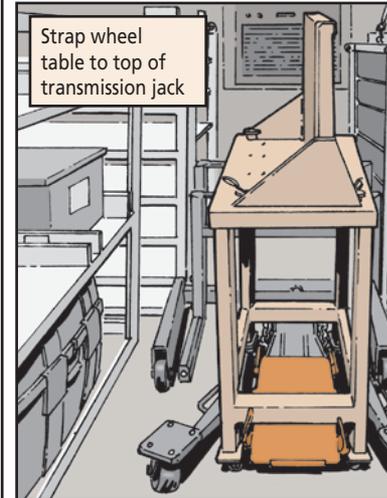
If you have trouble with the door's aluminum brace breaking, have one fabricated from angle iron. That's what we did.

Strap Everything Down for Travel

It can be a true SATS nightmare if large objects fly around inside the trailer during travel. Every single item in the trailer should have its own ratchet strap and that strap should be tightly locked in place before you hit the road.



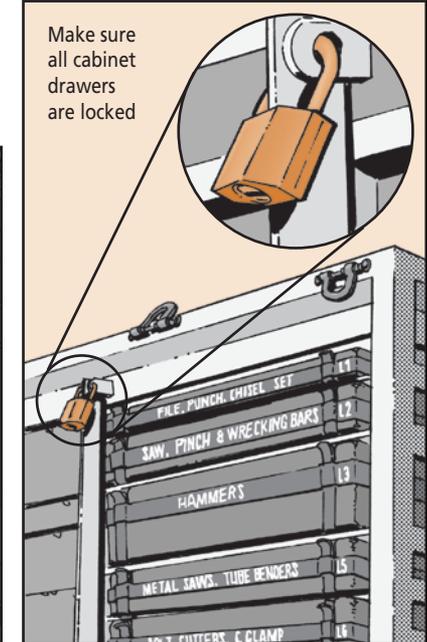
Pay special attention to the air compressor, tire jack, transmission jack and wheel table. If they bang around, they cause major damage. The job is easier if you strap the wheel table to the top of the transmission jack.



Strap wheel table to top of transmission jack

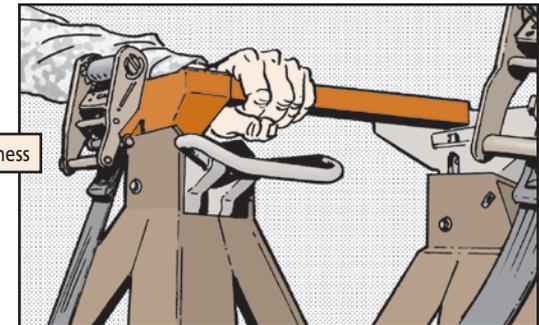
Check that all the cabinet drawers are locked, too.

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Feel all the van's bars that the ratchet straps attach to. If any are loose, report 'em.

Feel bars for looseness



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Editor's note: You do have the SATS facts. If you have any SATS questions, contact TACOM's Matt Summers at DSN 786-8213, (586) 282-8213, or email: matthew.b.summers.civ@mail.mil

Thanks for the great suggestions.

