

UH-OH!
MY BREECH
PIVOT PIN
HAS FROZEN
WITH RUST!

LOOKS
LIKE I'M
NMC.

I THINK THESE
REPAIRMEN IN
GERMANY MAY
HAVE A WAY TO
PREVENT THAT!

KEEP BREECH PIVOT PIVOTING

Dear Editor,

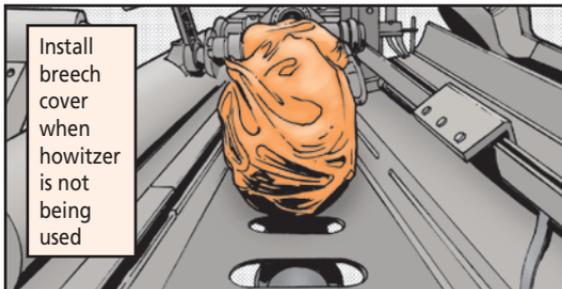
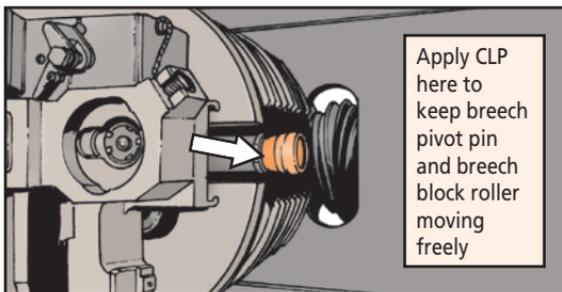
While doing scheduled services on the M777A2 howitzer, we often find the breech pivot pin, NSN 5315-00-821-2435, frozen with rust. If the pivot pin is frozen, the howitzer is NMC.

To prevent this, we suggest units check the breech block roller to make sure it's rolling freely. If it's not, it could prevent the breech from locking. Lube the pivot pin and roller with CLP, NSN 9150-01-054-6453. If the roller still won't roll freely, report it to your repairman.

Lube the pivot pin and breech block roller at least quarterly to prevent a frozen pivot pin.

Another good way to protect the breech from corrosion is to make sure the breech cover, NSN 1025-01-529-4351, is in good shape and installed when the howitzer is not in use.

Peter Kohler
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*Editor's note: Great idea!
You guys are on your toes.*