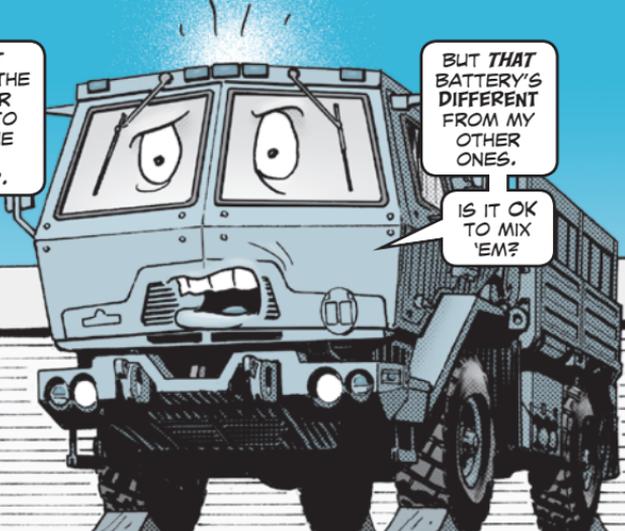


FMTVs...



HEY, I GOT YOU ONE OF THE NEW HAWKER BATTERIES TO REPLACE THE ONE THAT WENT DEAD.



BUT THAT BATTERY'S DIFFERENT FROM MY OTHER ONES.

IS IT OK TO MIX 'EM?

BATTERIES: MIX OR MATCH?

Dear Half-Mast,

Word in the motor pool is that Hawkers are the only batteries to be used in our FMTVs. Is that true?

SGT M.S.S.

Dear Sergeant,

There's definitely been a push to replace the old, electrolyte batteries with the Hawker absorbed glass mat battery, NSN 6140-01-485-1472. The Hawker is a sealed, maintenance-free battery that offers "deep cycle" performance. They cost more, but last longer and save lots of money in the long run.

All of the newer FMTVs have the Hawker battery installed during production. But some of the older trucks still use the electrolyte batteries.

When an electrolyte battery fails in your FMTV, it's OK to replace it with another electrolyte battery. But if you replace it with a Hawker, the other three batteries have to be Hawkers, too. Plain and simple, do not mix battery types on your FMTV.

Half-Mast

All four batteries should be same type

