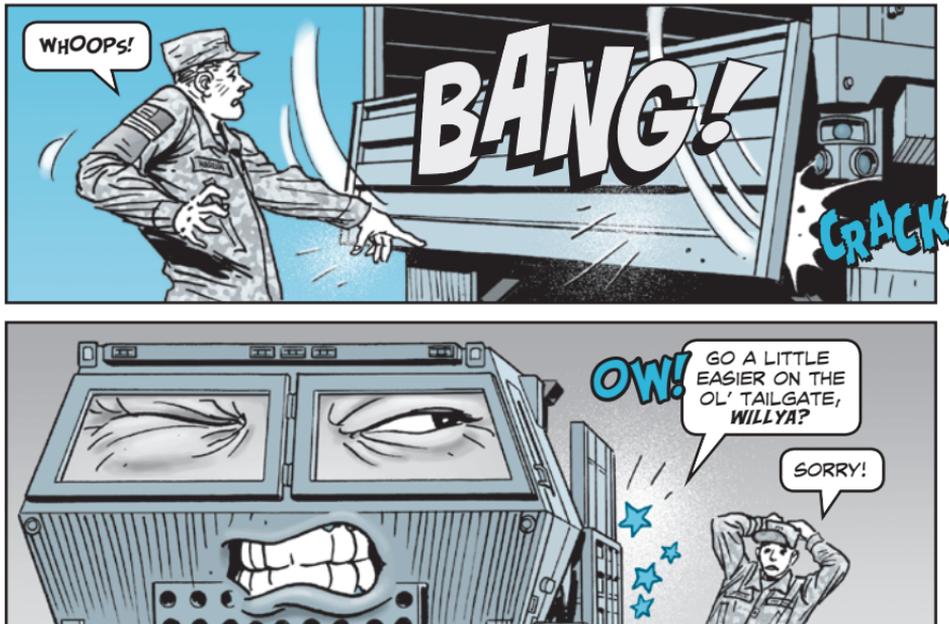


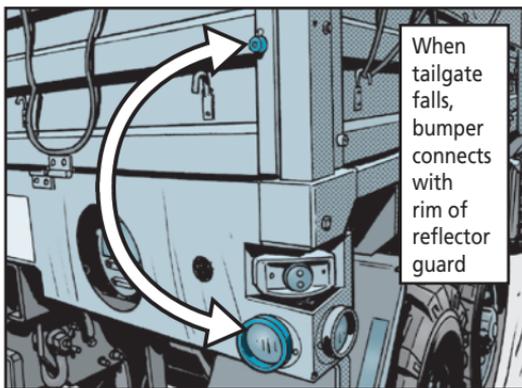
EASY DOES IT ON TAILGATE



Drivers, slow and easy is the way to go when lowering the tailgate on your M1083 FMTV. Let it drop and you'll probably be looking at damage.

Sure, the tailgate has two rubber bumpers, NSN 5340-01-058-7384, on each end. And they're designed to absorb the shock of lowering the tailgate.

Unfortunately, both bumpers line up perfectly with the top edge of the metal guards protecting the rear reflectors. If your tailgate comes crashing down, the bumpers hit the edge of the guards. That can split the bumpers, causing them to fall off. The next time you open the tailgate, there's no cushion and both the reflector guard and the tailgate get damaged when they connect.



So whenever you lower the tailgate, easy does it. Lowering the tailgate gently will keep the bumpers in operation and the damage at bay.