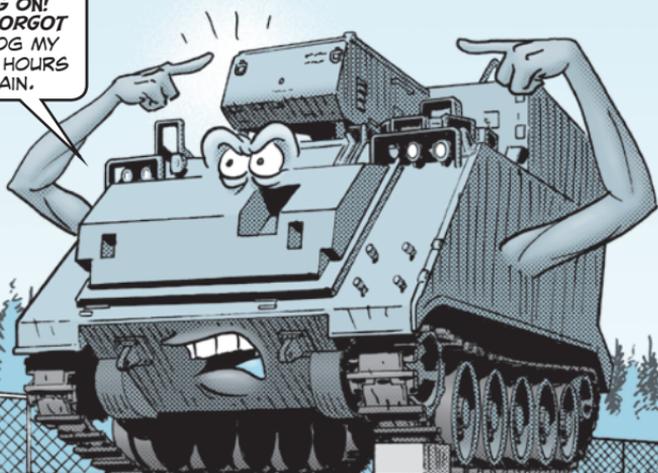


DON'T LET HOURS SLIP BY

WELL, YOUR PM IS DONE AND I'M HEADING HOME.

HANG ON! YOU FORGOT TO LOG MY APU'S HOURS AGAIN.



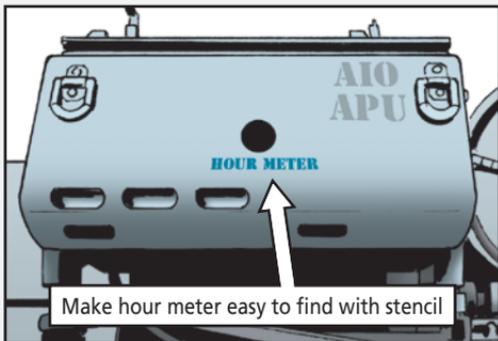
Dear Editor,

Keeping track of the hours of operation on the 5-kW auxiliary power unit (APU) is an important part of PMCS on the M1068A3 command post carrier. Logging the number of hours the engine has run between services is critical.

Logging the hours is how you know if the APU is due for an oil change or if the fuel injector needs to be replaced, for example. It's also how you know when to check the fuel filter, inspect the oil cooler and adjust the engine valve clearance.

But many times, logging those hours gets overlooked simply because drivers don't know where the hour meter is located. The opening in the APU's casing isn't marked, so it's easy to miss.

An easy solution is to stencil "Hour Meter" above or below the hour meter opening on the APU. That way crews can easily find the hour meter and keep track of those hours.



Make hour meter easy to find with stencil

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Editors note: That's a great suggestion, Sergeant. Crewmen, be sure to follow the PM procedures in TM 9-6115-644-13&P to keep those APUs working.