

# Solving the Track Belt Dilemma

I REALLY LIKE MY TRACK BELT. IT'S VERY SLIMMING. DON'T YOU THINK?

UM...SURE, BUT WHEN IT WEARS OUT, CAN YOU OPERATE WITHOUT IT

Dear Half-Mast,  
Our unit has an M1048A1 6-ton flatbed trailer with the AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder radar installed.

The belt on our trailer has been damaged beyond repair. Does that deadline the trailer? If not, are we authorized to use the trailer without the belt installed? Finally, with a belt that's in good shape, is the trailer OK for highway towing?

TM 9-2330-396-14&P is a bit confusing on these issues. Can you help us out?

SGT M.H.

Dear Sergeant,

You bet! A damaged belt **could** mean that the trailer's deadlined. It all depends on the amount of damage.

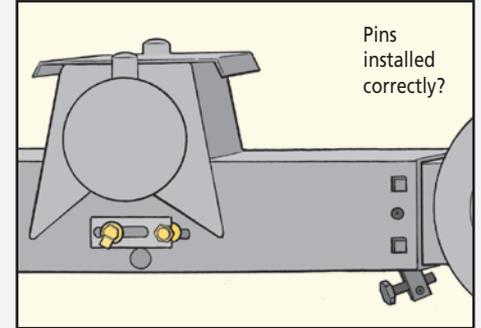
Item 9 of the After PMCS table in WP 0015-5 of the TM 9-2330-396-14&P says the trailer is NMC if one or both of the track belts have any of the following:

- More than two adjacent center guide blocks missing
- A total of five or more center guide blocks missing
- A five-inch lateral or vertical cut that allows the steel belt to show
- Tread wear that allows the steel belt to show during operation

However, the trailer can be made fully mission capable by replacing the belts or by taking them off entirely.

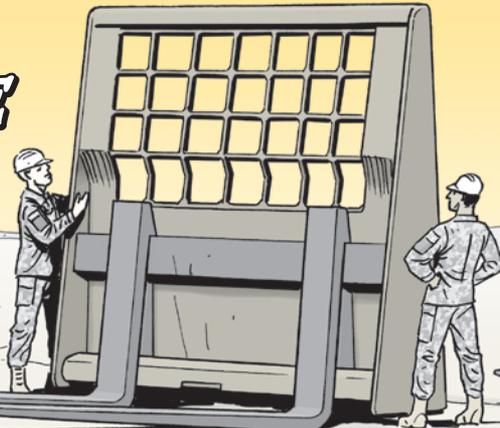
That brings us to your second question. It's OK to tow the trailer without the track belt, whether on- or off-road. But you must make sure the trailer's run-without belt locking pins and cotter pins are properly installed. Item 10 in the After PMCS table in WP 0015-6 has the details. The pins themselves are listed as Items 6 and 7 in Fig 12 of the TM.

It's also OK to tow the trailer down the highway with the track belt on. Just make sure the belt adjustments and alignments in WP 0019 are done before you do.



Half-Mast

# GET THE RIGHT SIZE FORKLIFT PALLET ASSEMBLY!



ERR...GUYS? I THINK THAT LARGE FORKLIFT PALLET ASSEMBLY IS A LITTLE TOO BIG FOR ME!



If you need a forklift pallet assembly for your Bobcat model 763 and S150 compact skid-steer loader, **don't** order the PNs listed in TM 5-3800-206-13&P (Jun 04).

They bring assemblies that are the wrong size for the Bobcat. The Bobcat has a medium-sized frame, so you'll need to get the standard pallet assembly that comes with NSN 3930-01-472-3028 (PN 6712927).

Make a note of the new NSN and part number until they are added to the TM.