

# OPEN DOORS FIRST

WANT TO MAKE IT EASY TO EXPAND OR COMPRESS YOUR VAN?

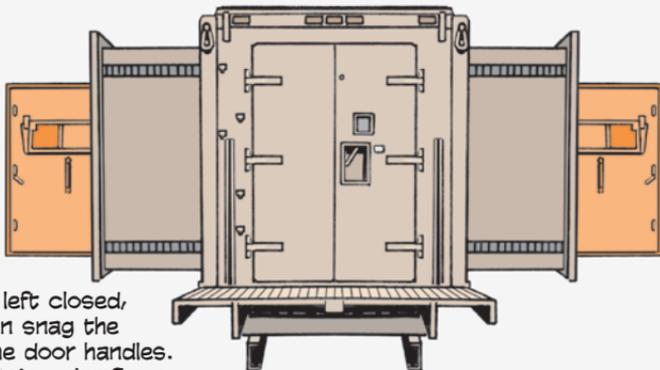
OPEN THE SIDE DOORS FIRST!



Dear Editor,

The M1087A1 van can be extended or compressed. But when units get ready to do the procedure spelled out in WP 0043 06 in TM 9-2320-392-10-2, they need to first make sure the left- and right-hand side doors are open.

Open both doors *before* expanding or compressing van



If the doors are left closed, the floor panels can snag the retainer nuts on the door handles. That damages the triangular floor bracket assemblies and rollers. Then you can no longer expand or compress the van.

The fix has long been to trim the floors. But just opening the doors makes that unnecessary.

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**Editor's note:** *Excellent tip, Mr. Palmer. This will be included in the next change to TM 9-2320-392-10-2.*

*Here is one more tip: Before compressing the van sides, make sure the front and rear floor panel covers are raised from the floor tracks. That protects the covers from damage.*