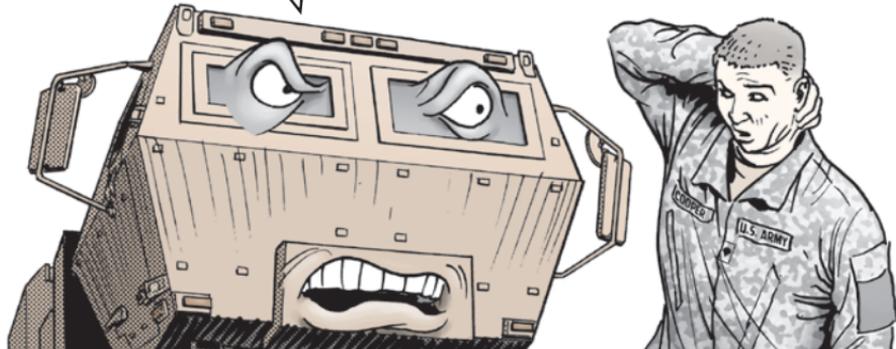


HIMARS...

YOU'VE LET THAT
ROCKET DUST TURN
HARD ON MY BLAST
SHIELDS. NOW YOU'LL
NEVER GET IT OFF!

Clean Blast Shields and Tie Down Cover



Dear Editor,

Here are two tips that can save HIMARS crews time and money:

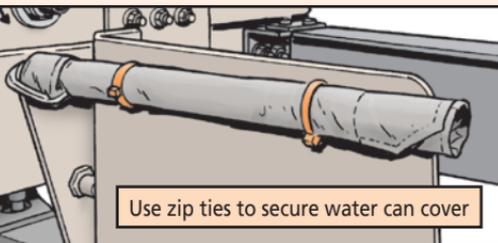
Clean blast shields as soon as possible after firing. The longer rocket dust sits after firing, the harder it is to remove. Eventually, it becomes like rocket concrete. Rocket dust is extremely corrosive and can lead to warped shields. Plus, corrosion can freeze the nuts and screws for the shields.

Unfortunately, there's no easy way to clean off rocket dust. Use a wire brush, CLP and lots of elbow grease. If there are any bare spots when you're done, touch them up with paint.

Clean blast shields with
wire brush and CLP



Use zip ties to secure the water can cover. If the cover is left flapping, it will end up damaged. It's rarely used, so there's no reason to leave it unrolled.



Use zip ties to secure water can cover

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Editor's note: Thanks for the good advice, Brian.