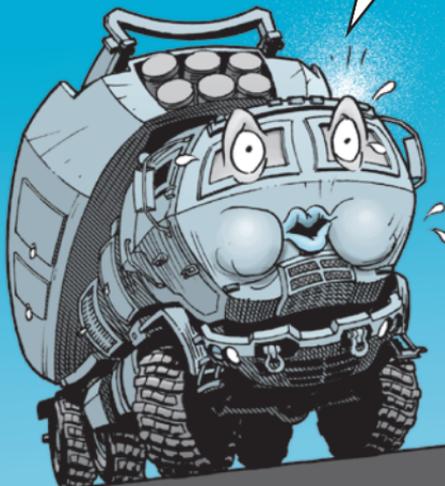


DRAIN, DRAIN, DRAIN

OOOH... I WISH
SOMEONE WOULD
DRAIN MY TANKS.

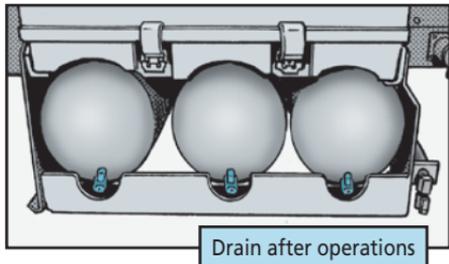
I FEEL LIKE
I'M GONNA
BURST!



Dear Editor,

One of the simplest ways HIMARS crews can prevent problems is to drain air from the launcher module hydraulic fluid reservoir and the three air tanks after operations.

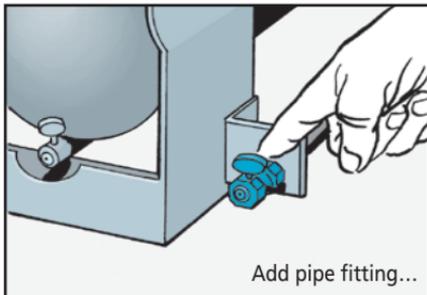
If the tanks aren't drained, moisture builds up in the air tanks. That can lead to equipment damage.



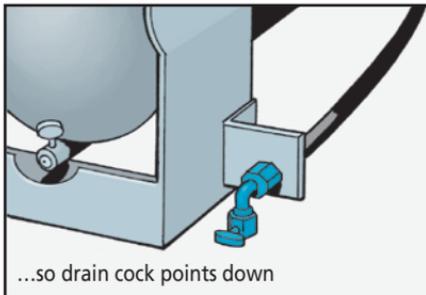
Brian Stewart
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Editor's note: Excellent point, Brian.

HIMARS units need to make sure they've got the 90-degree elbow pipe fitting installed on the hydraulic relief valve. Without the fitting, the drain cock points straight out and sprays you with hydraulic fluid when it's opened. With the fitting, you can easily drain the excess fluid into a container.



Add pipe fitting...



...so drain cock points down

Order the fitting with NSN 4730-00-720-3170.

To install the fitting, your support needs to follow the procedures in TM 9-1055-1646-13&P in IETM EM 0259 (Jan 13) for removing the old air bleed valve and installing the pipe fitting.