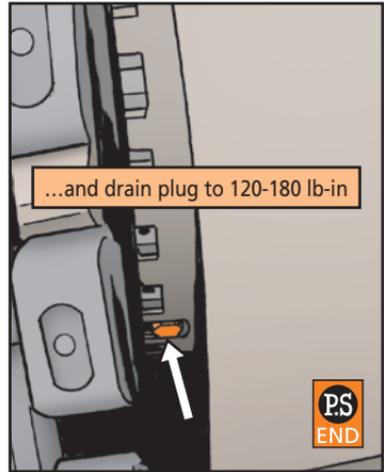
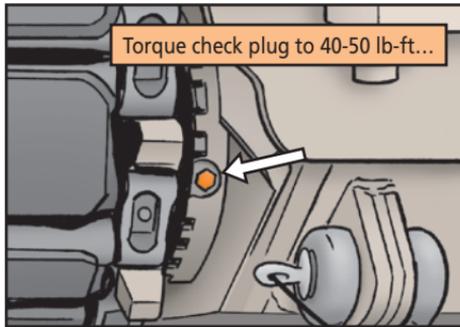


Mechanics

After checking the final drive oil levels during semiannual services, make sure you use the right torque when replacing the drain and check plugs.

The plugs look the same but they don't take the same torque. The check plug is tightened to 40-50 lb-ft, but the drain plug can't take that kind of pressure. It either cracks—and leaks—or shears off altogether.



M1-Series Tanks...

STAY VIGILANT FOR TURRET CRACKS

Crewmen, if you see cracks on the underside of your M1-series tank's turret, don't be alarmed. Your tank isn't necessarily falling apart.

In most cases, these aren't cracks in the armor but in the thin metal skin that covers the bottom of the turret.

The cracks do need to be checked out, though, so keep an eye out for them or other signs of metal fatigue during your PMCS. If you spot any, let your mechanic or TACOM LAR know right away.

