

Abrams Fire Prevention Booklet Will Again Be Available

Abrams tank fires are continuing to occur at higher than expected rates. Team Abrams investigates all reported fires and pursues possible corrective actions.

In an effort to increase soldier awareness of potential fire hazards and continued emphasis on eliminating Abrams tank fires, Team Abrams is republishing the "Abrams Fire Prevention Checks and Safety Procedures" booklets for Crew (Yellow) and Unit (Red) level use. The booklets will be used in conjunction with the -10 and -20 Technical Manuals.

There is no one fire category that stands out as the prominent area of concern. However, three areas that require special attention are NBC System (NBC M48 Filters), Engine Compartment Fuel Leaks, and Main Hydraulic Pump Failures due to case drain QD malfunctions.

Safety of Use, Ground Precautionary, and Maintenance Advisory Messages, as well as Operator and Maintenance Technical Manuals do address these three areas, and other fire and safety hazards. Team Abrams cannot emphasize enough the importance of using the information

contained in the booklets and technical manuals. We believe that adherence to these documents will greatly reduce Abrams fires.

Tankers, support personnel, and their commanders must place major emphasis in fire prevention programs if we are to reduce the number of occurrences.

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