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TACOM LCMC MI 13-007, BRADLEY FIGHTING VEHICLE SYSTEMS, DISCONTINUED USE OF
T161 DOUBLE PIN TRACK MECHANICAL PULLER

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Subject: Maintenance Information (MI) Message, TACOM Life Cycle Management
Command, (TACOM LCMC) Control No. MI 13-007, Discontinued Use of T161 Double
Pin Track Mechanical Puller.

Vehicles Affected: M2A2 ODS-SA, NSN 2350-01-565-3460, LIN P19727; M3A2
ODS-SA, NSN 2350-01-565-3464, LIN P19795; M7 BFIST-SA, NSN 2350-01-572-5988,
LIN A40164; M2A3, NSN 2350-01-436-0005, LIN F60564; M3A3, NSN
2350-01-437-0007, LIN F90796; M3A3 BFIST w/FS3, NSN 2350-01-563-9444, LIN
A70576. Equipment Density is 500.

1. Distribution: {Menu}

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2. Message Library: {Menu}

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Safety First Website also has the capability to email Safety and Maintenance
messages directly to your inbox. To subscribe to the mailing list, click on,
E-Mail Subscriptions, on the Navigation bar.

3. Issue: {Menu}

a. This message only applies to those Bradley Fighting Vehicle Systems that are fitted with T161 Double Pin Track Assemblies. It has been identified that the mechanical puller (PN 10955156, NSN 5120-00-918-0596) (WP 0116 00, Item 48.1) called out in TM 9-2350-294-10-1 WP 0097-01 is in error. The mechanical puller will not function as designed due to a miss-alignment between the puller and the track link pins. This puller cannot be used for this procedure as indicated in the technical manual for breaking and joining the T161 double pin track assembly.

b. Alternate procedures have been developed to remove the double pin track end connectors, which will replace the originally intended use of the mechanical puller. The attached red lined procedures provided as a link in this message should be used until an appropriate mechanical puller has been designed and released as a functional tool to perform this task. (see embedded links below to access alternate technical manual procedures for break and join T161 double Pin Track assemblies).

<https://tulsa.tacom.army.mil/SAFETY/?t=mam&f=294-10-1WP0097>

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4. User Actions: {Menu}

a. Discontinue use of the mechanical puller (PN 10955156) provided as a Basic Issue Item (BII) delivered with the T161 double pin track package.

b. Replace the use of the mechanical puller with the temporary established procedures instructing crewmembers how to break and join track for the T161 double pin track.

5. Unit Commanders: {Menu}

Contact your local TACOM LCMC Logistics Assistance Representative (LAR) or your State Surface Maintenance Manager upon receipt of this message for assistance. For assistance in locating your TACOM LCMC LAR, see paragraph 8f.

6. TACOM LCMC/PM Actions: {Menu}

a. Access, print and insert the temporary procedures into applicable technical manuals. Links are provided in paragraph 2b of this message.

b. These changes will not be incorporated as permanent technical manual changes. The original printed procedures will be used as soon as the redesign of the mechanical puller is completed and fielded to units.

c. Redesign of the mechanical puller that will interface with the T161 double pin track assembly is being performed. An estimated time for completion of the redesigned puller and subsequent delivery to the units is 4th quarter FY13. The replacement puller will be provided at no cost to the units.

7. Supply Status: {Menu}

There are no supply concerns associated with the release of this message. This message is for information purposes only.

8. POCs: {Menu}

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(8) For US Special Operations Command contact, Special Operations Forces Support Activity (SOFSA), Mr. Mike Paul at DSN: 745-4302, Commercial 859-566-5632 or Ms. Dana Shimfessel at 859-566-5603.

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