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WHO'S  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THIS  
GENERATOR?

HEY,  
WHERE'RE  
TH' LIGHTS!

WHO  
KILLED  
TH' POWER?  
THE  
COMMO'S  
DEAD!



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## STARTING YOUR MULE

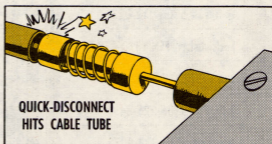


Getting all wrapped up in your work can be good—but not when you tangle with a broken front starting cable from your M274 or M274A1 ½-ton light weapons carrier.

You can bet the quick-disconnect that couples the front and back cables has been clipping the end of the front cable tube. Maybe you've even felt the catch everytime you gave the starter cable a pull. The cable end finally gets tired of this rough treatment and just breaks off.

All you have to do is make sure the cable tube is adjusted — extended farther toward the rear — so the quick-disconnect is about half-covered by the tube. Then it won't hit the tube end because it'll already be part way inside the tube.

And the whole works — cable ends and quick-disconnect—will last longer, too, if some powdered graphite is shot in there once in a while. The same treatment at the front, where the cable rubs against metal, will make for a smoother cable pull and longer cable life.



## SMOOTH 'N' EASY

Your mule will be more cooperative about starting if you use the right pull.

Give a couple short tugs first, until the dog engages. Then, when you're ready for the long pull, you won't tear things up.

The final pull should be steady, not jerky. And keep the pull within arm's length, so the rope can rewind easy-like. You want to keep hold when it's rewinding, with just enough tension so it won't kink up or slip free of the quick-disconnect and get pulled back into the pulley housing or starter housing.