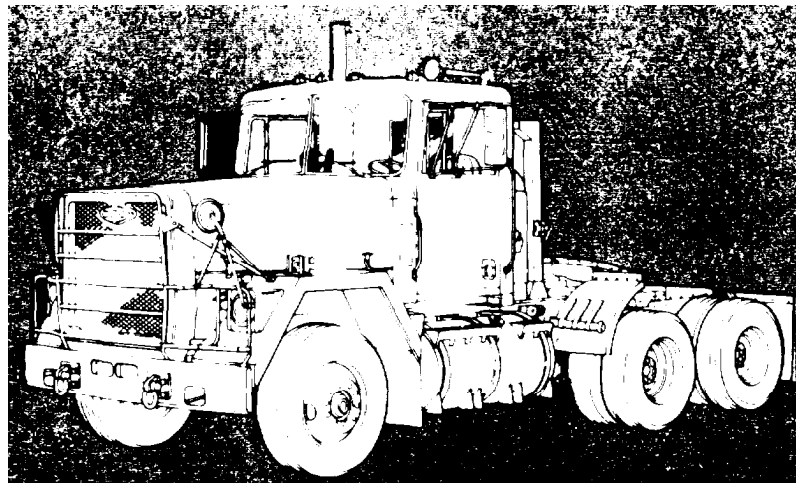


OPERATOR'S MANUAL



TRUCK TRACTOR, LINE HAUL, 50,000 GVXR, 6X4, M915A1 (NSN 2320-01-125-2640)



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HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

This manual is designed to help you to operate and maintain the M915A1 truck tractor. Listed below are special features which have been included to make it easier to locate and to use the information you need.

- A front cover Table of Contents is provided, giving you a quick reference to chapters and sections that you will be using often.
- Warnings, subject headings, procedural steps, and certain other modules of information are highlighted in bold print or red as a visual aid for you.
- Upper case type is used to emphasize statements of particular importance.

FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WHEN YOU USE THIS MANUAL:

- Read all warnings and cautions.
- Within a chapter or section, boxed headings are used to help categorize the material and to assist in finding subjects quickly.
- The driver should read through this manual and become familiar with the content before attempting to operate the truck.

Equipment description herein is non-metric and does not require metric conversion, common or special tools. Metric units are, therefore, not supplied. Tactical instructions, for sake of clarity, will also remain non-metric.

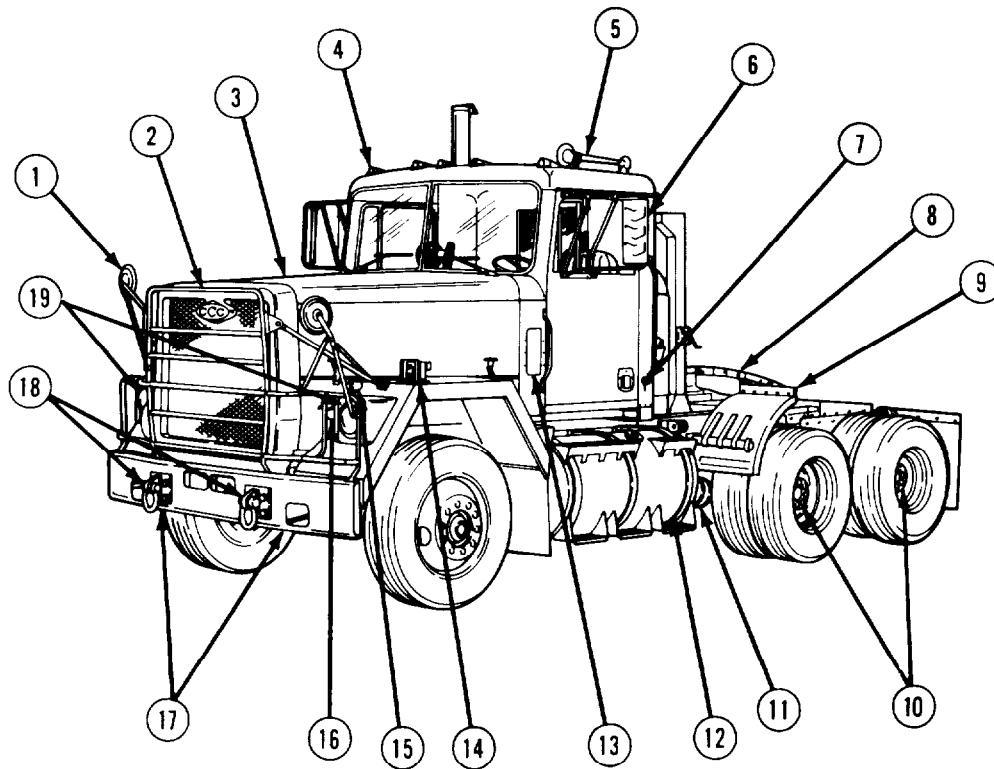
WARNING

This vehicle has been designed to operate safely and efficiently within the limits specified in this TM. Operation beyond these limits is prohibited IAW AR 70-1 without written approval from the Commander, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command, ATTN: AMSTA-CM-S, Warren, MI 48397-5000.

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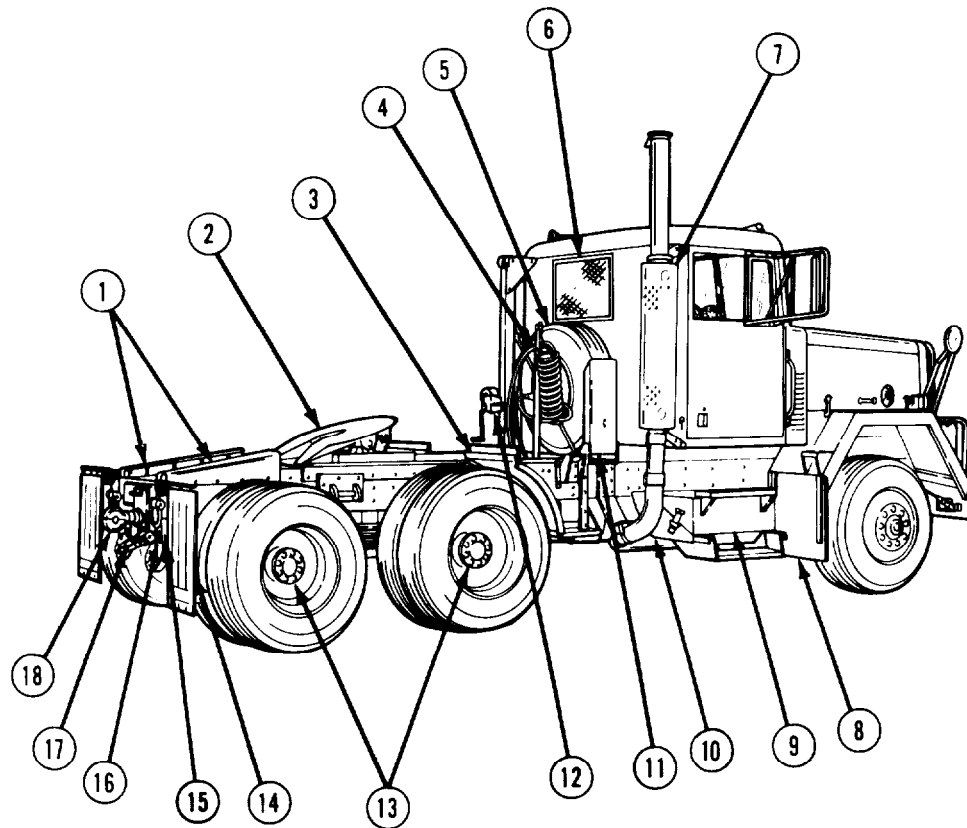
Section I. GENERAL INFORMATION



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| 1 FRONT SPOTTER MIRRORS | 10 DRIVING AXLES |
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DIESEL ENGINE | 12 FUEL TANK |
| 4 CLEARANCE LAMPS | 13 FRESH AIR VENTS |
| 5 AIR HORN | 14 TURN SIGNAL LAMPS |
| 6 SIDE MIRRORS | 15 BLACKOUT MARKER
L A M P S |
| 7 WORK LAMP RECEPTACLES | 16 BLACKOUT DRIVE LAMP |
| 8 CAB CONTROLLED FIFTH
WHEEL | 17 FRONT AIR LINE
CONNECTORS |
| 9 FORWARD REAR AXLE
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Figure 1-1. M915A1 - Left Front View.

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| 1 TRAILER RAMPS | 11 SPARE WHEEL & TIRE CARRIER |
| 2 CAB CONTROLLED FIFTH WHEEL | 12 SPARE WHEEL & TIRE HOIST |
| 3 FORWARD-REAR AXLE QUARTER FENDER | 13 DRIVING AXLES |
| 4 AIR HOSE TENDER | 14 REAR WHEEL MUD FLAPS |
| 5 SPARE WHEEL & TIRE | 15 BLACKOUT TAIL AND STOPLAMPS |
| 6 SLIDING REAR CAB WINDOW & STONE SHIELD | 16 SERVICE TAIL AND STOPLAMPS |
| 7 EXHAUST MUFFLER | 17 REAR AIR LINE CONNECTORS |
| 8 FRONT WHEEL MUD FLAPS | 18 TOWING PINTLE |
| 9 BATTERIES BOX | |
| 10 HT 754CRD FIVE SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION | |

Figure 1-2. M915A1 - Right Rear View.

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1-1. Scope.

This operator's manual is for use in operating and maintaining the M915A1 line haul truck tractor. This vehicle is used to tow the M-872 Trailer with a towed load capacity of 30,000 lbs (on the King Pin).

1-2. Maintenance Forms and Records.

Every mission begins and ends with the paperwork. There isn't much of it, but you have to keep it up. The forms and records you will fill out have several uses. They are a permanent record of the services, repairs, and modifications made on your carrier. They are reports to organizational maintenance and to your commander. And they are a checklist for you when you want to know what is wrong with the carrier after its last use, and whether those faults have been fixed. Department of the Army forms and procedures used for equipment maintenance will be those prescribed by TM 38-756, The Army Maintenance Management System (TAMMS).

1-3. Hand Receipt (-HR) Manuals.

This manual has a companion document with a TM number followed by "-HR" (which stands for Hand Receipt). The TM 9-2320-283-10-HR consists of preprinted hand receipts (DA Form 2062) that list end item related equipment (i.e., COEI, BII, and AAL) you must account for. As an aid to property accountability, additional -HR manuals may be requisitioned from the following source in accordance with procedures in Chapter 3, AR 310-2:

Commander, Baltimore Adjutant General Publications Center
2800 Eastern Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21220

1-4. Reporting Equipment Improvement Recommendations (EIR's).

If your M915A1 Truck needs improvement, let us know. Send us an EIR. You, the user, are the only one who can tell us what you don't like about your equipment. Let us know why you don't like the design or performance. Put it on an SF 368 (Quality Deficiency Report). Mail it to us at:

Commander, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command
ATTN: DRSTA-MP
Warren, Michigan 48090

We'll send you a reply.

1-5. Warranty Information.

The M915A1 Trucks are warranted by AM General Corporation in accordance with TB 9-2300-295-15/20 for a period of 15 months from date of acceptance, as shown on the Material Inspection and Receiving Report (DD Form 250), or 12,000 miles road travel, whichever occurs first. Report all defects in material or workmanship to your supervisor, who will take appropriate action through your Organizational Maintenance Shop.

1-6. Nomenclature.

COMMON TERM	OFFICIAL NAME
● Engine Coolant	-Antifreeze, ethylene glycol mixture
● Cold Start system	- Ether quick-start system
● Jake brake, Jacobs@ brake	- Engine retarder
● Cable	-Wire rope
● Glad Hand	- Quick disconnect coupling
● Pogo Stick	-Air hose tender

1-7. Abbreviations.

CID	Cubic Inch Displacement
EIR's	Equipment Improvement Recommendations
F	Fahrenheit
FWD	Forward
GCWR	Gross Combination Weight Rating
GVW	Gross Vehicle Weight
GVWR	Gross Vehicle Weight Rating
hp	Horsepower
KP	King Pin
lbs	pounds
mph	miles per hour
N/A	Not Applicable
PM	Preventive Maintenance
PMCS	Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services

(A)	PMCS	After Operation Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services
(B)	PMCS	Before Operation Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services
(D)	PMCS	During Operation Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services
(M)	PMCS	Monthly Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services
(W)	PMCS	Weekly Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services
	psi	pounds per square inch
	rpm	revolutions per minute
	vdc	volts direct current

Section II. EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION

1-8. Equipment Purposes, Capabilities and Features.

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PURPOSE

- The M915A1 is a line haul truck tractor used to haul semitrailers such as the M-872, on Class I good roads only with a maximum load of 30,000 pounds on 5th wheel.

CAPABILITIES AND FEATURES

- The M915A1 truck tractor is capable of operation in temperatures from - 25°F to 125°F and to -50°F with Arctic engine and personnel heater kits installed.
- While operating on Class I good roads, the M915A1 tractor can maintain a speed of 55 mph on level roads and 25 mph while ascending a 3.0 percent grade at Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR).
- The M915A1 can climb a 17 percent grade at GCWR in both forward and reverse directions (adequate traction assumed). It is capable of operating on side slopes up to 10 percent where adequate traction is available.
- The M915A1 truck tractor can ford hard bottom water crossings up to 20 inches deep for 5 minutes without damage or requiring maintenance before operations can continue.
- Average cruising ranges at GCWR with a full tank of fuel (118 gallons) will vary based on many conditions. During on highway use under full power at 2100 rpm with 373 to 400 hp, the fuel rate will be 20.5 to 21.4 gallons per hour. Varying loads, prolonged idle, offroad driving, and climatic conditions will affect the rate of fuel consumption. Traveling at an average of 40 miles per hour (mph) at rated GCWR will result in a 300 mile operating range with full fuel tank.
- The vehicle clearance circle, wall to wall, is 72.00 feet. Curb to curb vehicle clearance circle is 69.00 feet.

1-9. Performance Data.

Performance data for the M915A1 truck tractor is listed in table 1 - 1.