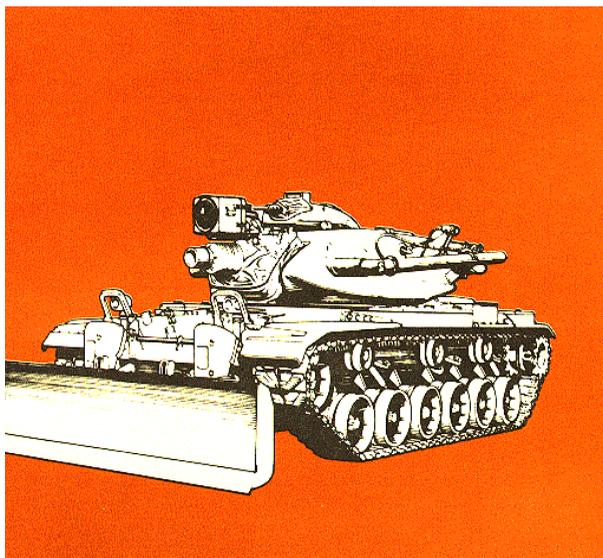


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**PREPARE TO OPERATE VEHICLE (OPEN HATCHES)**

**To Open Loader's Hatch:  
Equipment:**

Get key for hatch padlock.

1. Stand on turret over hatch.
2. Using key, unlock hatch padlock.
3. Grasp hatch handle (A).
4. Lift hatch (B) to position (C).

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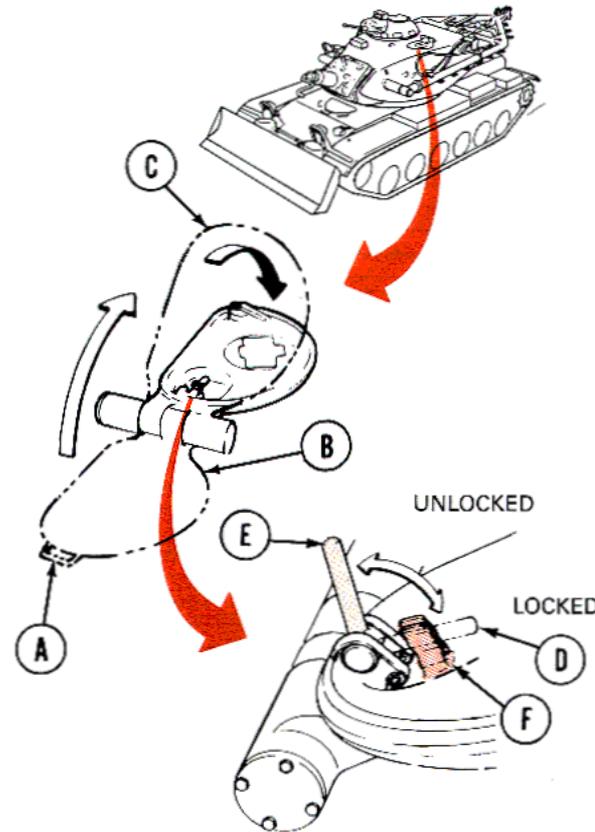
**Spring-loaded lock will lock hatch in position (C).**

5. Pull lock handle (D) to unlocked position (E). Hold.
6. Lower hatch to deck.
7. Release lock handle.

**WARNING**

**Be sure lock handle is secured in spring clip (F) when hatch is open.**

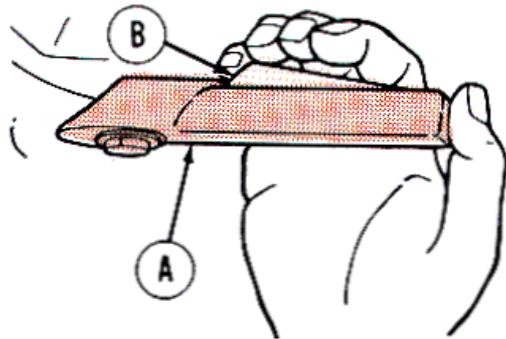
8. Push lock handle (D) into spring clip (F) when hatch is opened.



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**To Open Cupola Hatch Cover:**

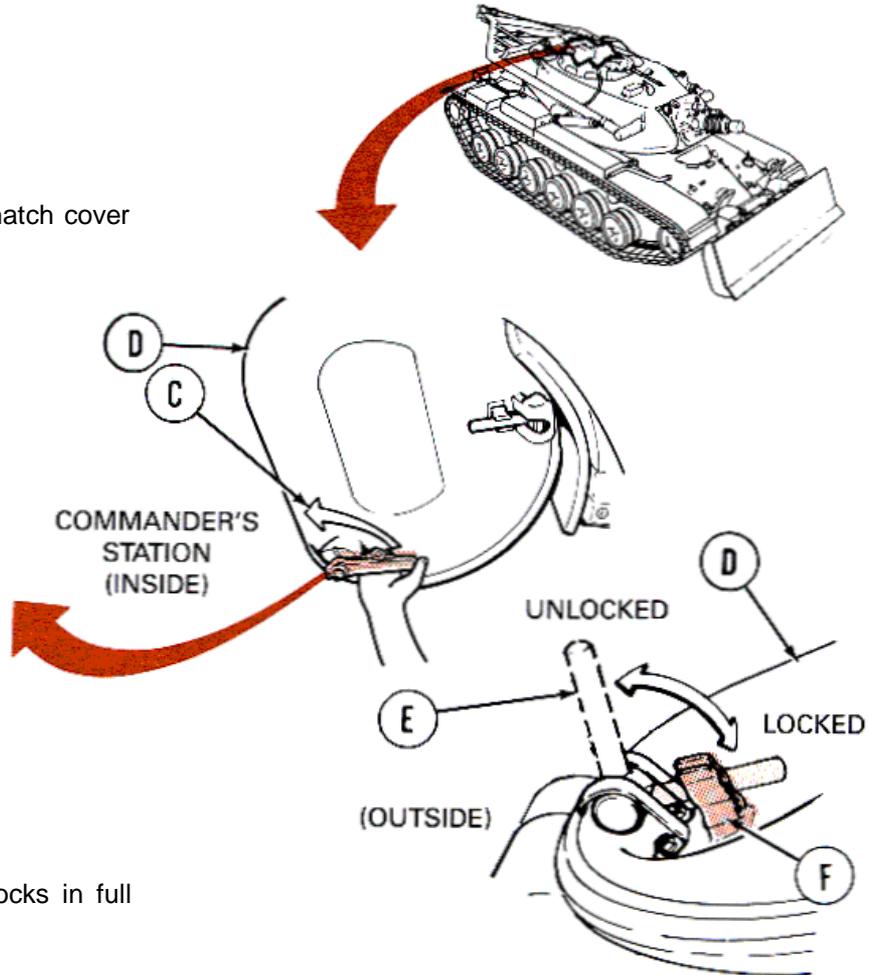
1. Grip hatch release handle (A).
2. Squeeze plate (B) to unlock.
3. Push handle counterclockwise (C) to unlock hatch cover (D). Cover will spring slightly.



**WARNING**

Be sure hatch cover is in the locked (fully open) position before releasing cover.

4. Push hatch cover (D) upward until it spring locks in full open position.
5. Push hold-open lock (E) into spring clip (F).



**PREPARE TO OPERATE VEHICLE (OPEN HATCHES) - Continued**  
**To Open Driver's Hatch**

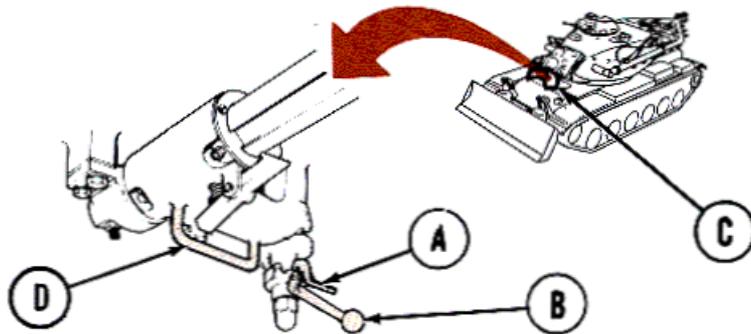
**CAUTION:**

Do not open driver's hatch if driver's IR periscope or night vision viewer is installed. To open driver's hatch could damage periscope or viewer.

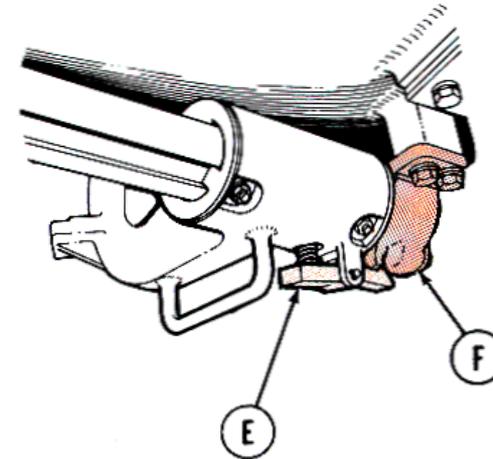
**Make Sure:**

•Driver's IR periscope (page 2-596) or night vision viewer (page 2 600.1) is removed from driver's hatch.

3. Then push handle (B) forward to unlock hatch (C).
4. With both hands, reach upward and behind head. Grasp hatch handle (D).
5. Slide hatch (C) to right in one smooth motion.



1. Sit in driver's seat.
2. With left hand, press latch (A).



6. Be sure that hold-open latch (E) is securely engaged to fixed bracket (F) when hatch is open.

**PREPARE TO OPERATE VEHICLE (INSTALL AND TIE DOWN ANTENNA)**

**Equipment:**

Get from Stowage:

- Antenna bottom section (A).
- Antenna top section (B).
- Antenna tie down cord (C).

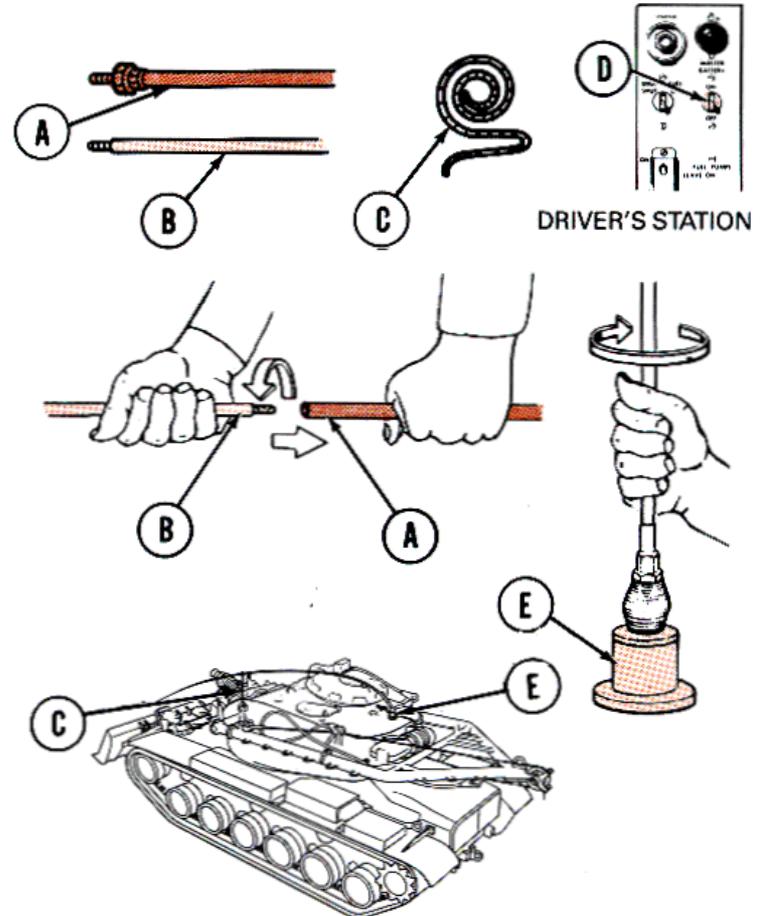
**Make Sure:**

- MASTER BATTERY switch (D) is set to OFF.
1. Join antenna bottom section (A) to antenna top section (B) by inserting section (B) into section (A) and rotating as shown until tight.
  2. Attach antenna to antenna base support (E) by rotating antenna clockwise.

**NOTE**

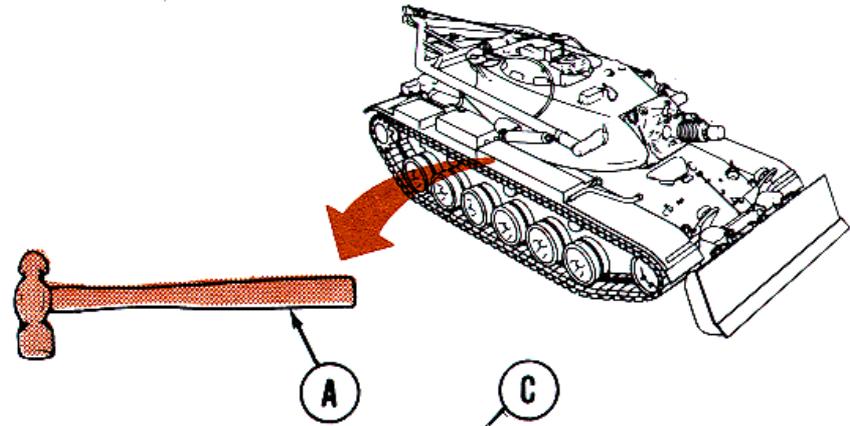
**Antenna is to be tied down when vehicle is moving or when vehicle is operating in areas with high tension power lines. When antenna is tied down, do not operate radio on high power.**

3. Using tie down cord (C), tie antenna to the turret so it does not prevent operation of the turret or cupola.



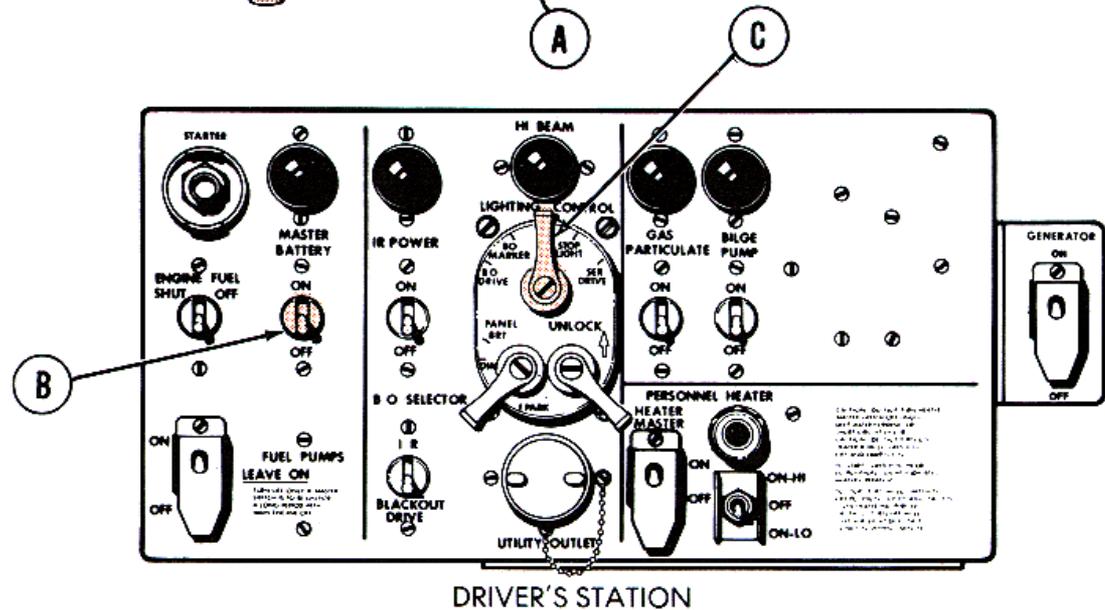
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Tools:  
Get hammer (A) from right front fender box.



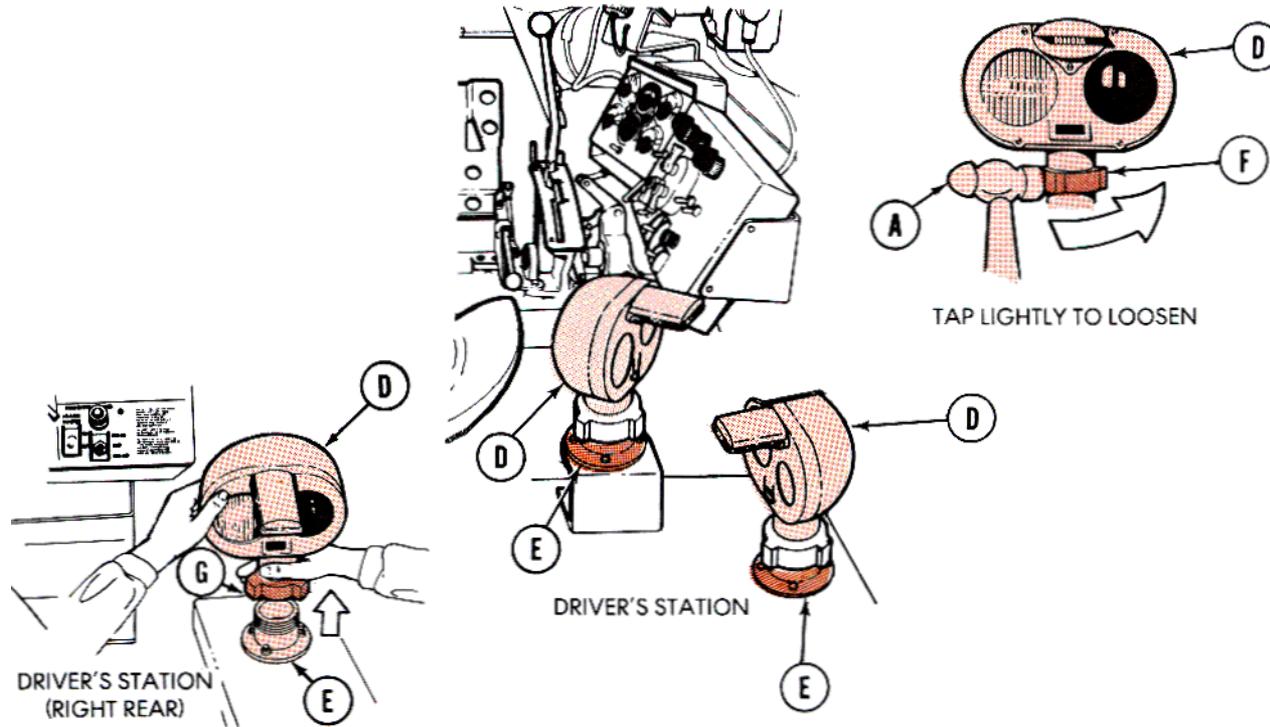
**Make Sure:**

- MASTER BATTERY switch (B) is set to OFF.
- LIGHTING CONTROL lever (C) is set to OFF.



PREPARE TO OPERATE VEHICLE (INSTALL HEADLIGHT ASSEMBLIES) - Continued

1. Locate headlight assemblies (D) on two inside stowage mounts (E).



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2. Unscrew retainer nut (F) from each mount. If necessary, tap lightly with hammer (A) to loosen.
3. Lift each headlight assembly (D) and remove from mount (E).