

TRUE LOCK™

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Col. Chris Cardine
Commander U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command
PM Abrams Tank System
Att: SFAE-ASM-AB
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Dear Col. Cardine;

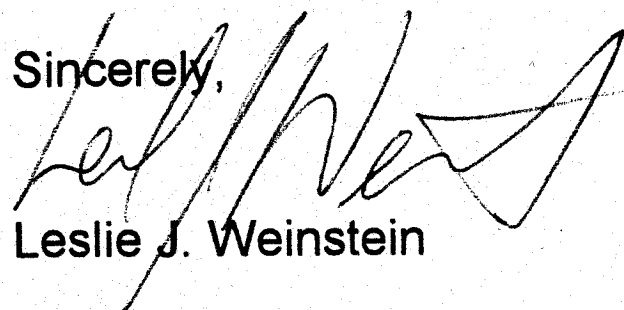
The True-Lock™ System for the end connector wedge bolt was tested by both the Army National Guard in Boise and the Marine Corps at 29 Palms. The results of the tests prove that the True-Lock™ System (snap ring, retainer plate and grooved wedge bolt) eliminates the need for continual inspections and re tightening of the wedge bolts.

This constant track monitoring appears to be a stop-gap measure rather than the answer to the problem. It required extensive man-hours that are obviously not without a great deal of cost. While this cost hasn't necessarily been identified, it exists none the less.

We've received only positive feed back from the personnel involved in the Field Tank Operations. Enclosed are letters from field personnel and a report on the testing conducted here in Boise on the True-Lock™ System.

If there is something that has been omitted or if any questions arise during the meeting please feel free to call me. I can be reached during the day at (208) 375-4846 or my residence at (208) 376-1956.

Sincerely,



Leslie J. Weinstein

Enclosures