

COVER STOPS CABLE FAILURE



Since 2007, the HIMARS' W529 cable assembly has failed 38 times. Half those failures were in 2011. The W529 is failing because crews fail to install its cover.

The W529 cable connector has a cover that should always be installed except when the SNVT test is being run or when the W19P2 cable is stowed. When the test is over, the cover needs to be put right back on and left there.

Without the cover, the connector has no protection against moisture or backblast from rockets firing. Corrosion eats away at the connector's pins and soon there's no electrical connection.

So do your HIMARS a favor and use the W529 cover. And check for the cover during your weekly PMCS. Order a new one through your Lockheed Martin rep with P/N MS27502B17N if it's missing.

Keep cover on **except** when doing SNVT testing or when W19P2 cable is stowed

