

Don't Just Eyeball It, Touch It



Crew chiefs, you know the old saying, "Look, but don't touch." Well, that won't cut it when you pre-flight your Chinook's flight control closet.

Closet components control the aircraft's flight control functions and hydraulic systems. If you overlook a hydraulic leak or parts that are missing, it could affect your flight controls and hydraulic system.

So use your hands to feel for things like missing cotter pins, loose cannon plugs and fittings, loose bolts, plug pins that have backed out from aircraft vibration and loose hydraulic lines.

Missing these problems could mean a quick return to earth for you and your craft. Your best bet is to look and touch.

