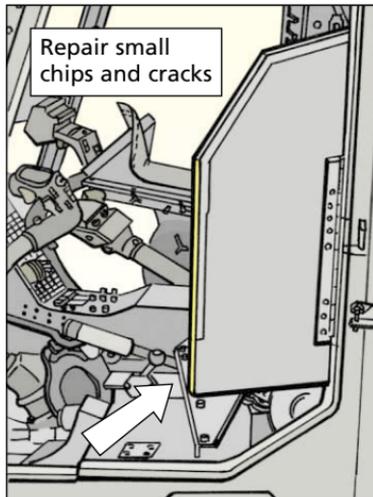


# PERFECT PANEL PROTECTION

Crew chiefs, a little PM on the Kiowa's armored side panels could save your hide in a dogfight.

Each panel's ceramic covering takes a real beating from the wind while you're flying. Over time, the adhesive on the back of the cover dries out and gets brittle. The edges will even peel away from the panel. That reduces your protection against enemy fire.

So get out TM 1-1520-248-23 and clean, inspect and repair those panels like it says in Para 2-1-24. If the damage is less than the 1/4-in crack or chip damage limits specified in Para 2-1-24, repair them using adhesive, NSN 8040-00-463-7042. That'll give your panels and you more protection in a battle.



ALSO...

## Slippery Switch Kills Batteries

Dear Editor,

We're having constant problems with dead batteries in the new distress marker strobe lights, NSN 6230-01-411-8535, that are carried in survival vests.

Sling load training exercises require crewmen to scoot around on the aircraft cabin floor with their vests on.

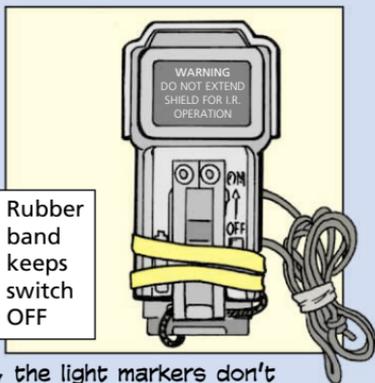
Moving around in that position can trip the light switch and drain the batteries.

Hours later, when crewmen turn in their vests, the light markers don't work. That means you replace a lot of dead AA batteries.

But, we've come up with a quick fix to save batteries. We wrap a sturdy rubber band around the switch before it goes in the vest. That prevents the switch from being accidentally tripped during training exercises.

SGT Jeff Mouser  
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From the desk of the *Editor*

*Good idea! That'll keep the switch in the right place—OFF.*