

CLEAN UNIBALLS LAST LONGER



If you repairers don't keep your Chinook forward and aft uniball surfaces clean, smooth, and free of grease, friction can lock up the flight controls. That means you might see the ground sooner than you expect. So crank up the APU and move the flight control thrust lever to expose the uniballs. Inspect, clean and repair them like it says in Task 5-123.1 of TM 55-1520-240-23-4.

Go easy when you grease the swashplates. If excess grease gets on the uniballs, it acts like a magnet for grit and dirt that can scratch, nick, bind or cause pitting of the uniballs. That increases uniball friction and leads to failure.

Clean uniballs last longer and only need replacing when they're out of tolerance. So keep 'em clean.

