

# KEEP COUNTERMEASURE SET CLEAN



Crewmen, you can't see through a dirty window pane. Neither can your AN/ALQ-144A countermeasure set.

If you don't keep your countermeasure set clean or cover it when it's not being used, it won't detect and jam heat-seeking missiles. Who needs that?

For instance, the Kiowa's countermeasure set sits right in the path of the engine exhaust. So before each takeoff and after each landing, clean the mirrors like it says in Chap 4 of TM 11-5865-200-12.

If you don't clean the mirrors regularly, the extreme heat generated by the countermeasure set will bake on dirt, grit, dead bugs and soot. Then your unit will take a \$36 hit per mirror because you couldn't clean them or because you damaged them trying to remove the baked-on crud.

When you're not flying the aircraft, protect the set with cover, NSN 5865-01-109-1800.

The cover shields the mirrors from direct sunlight, which dulls their refracting power. It also protects the mirrors from other aircraft's rotor blade debris.

