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UH-60A/L...

COVER UP

I THINK YOU'D
BETTER **COVER
UP** THE STABILATOR
BEFORE YOU GET
TO WORK ON THE
TAIL ROTOR.

**GOOD
IDEA!** I
DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR
DAMAGE!



To protect furniture from food spills, rips, damage, and busy kids, covers are worth their weight in preventing costly cleaning and repairs.

To protect a Blackhawk or a Apache stabilator from dropped tool damage, mechanics, a cover is worth its weight in gold in preventing unnecessary and costly maintenance repairs and aircraft downtime.

If you have any type of cover, use it on the stabilator or canvass to protect the skin from tools like wrenches, hammers and screw drivers that might puncture, dent or damage the stabilator.

If you drop tools on an uncovered stabilator while performing tail rotor maintenance, your bird is grounded until the AVIM shop repairs minor nicks or dings—or replaces it if the damage is severe enough and can't be fixed.

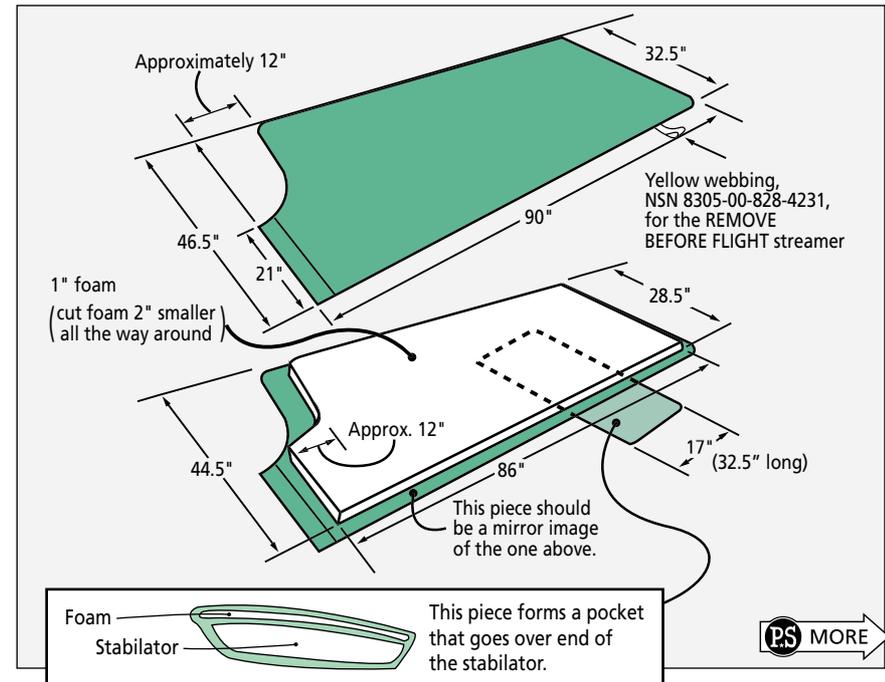
If you need a cover, have your upholstery shop make a right and left piece with the following instructions.

The cover is made from red vinyl, NSN 8305-00-273-8650, and uses fire retardant and flame resistant foam as insulation that you can purchase locally.

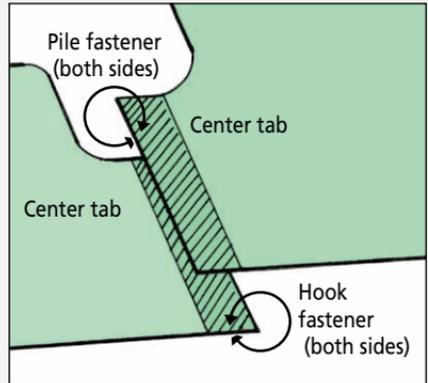


DID I DO THAT!?

THAT'S WHY I USE A COVER!



- Begin sewing the top and bottom together, leaving one of the long sides open for inserting the foam.
- After inserting the foam, finish sewing the two pieces together.
- Before installing pocket panel, be sure to reinforce the opening edge by folding it over 1 inch and sewing or installing webbing on that edge for reinforcing the pocket. Sew in a web tab for the safety streamer.
- From the outer end of the trailing edge, leave a 7-in opening 5 inches from the corner to allow opening for the static wick.
- Once you've made the first piece, then make another one that's the mirror image of the first one. (You need two pads—one for the left half of the stabilator and another one for the right half.)
- The two pads will fasten together at the center of the stabilator with hook and pile fasteners as the diagram shows below.

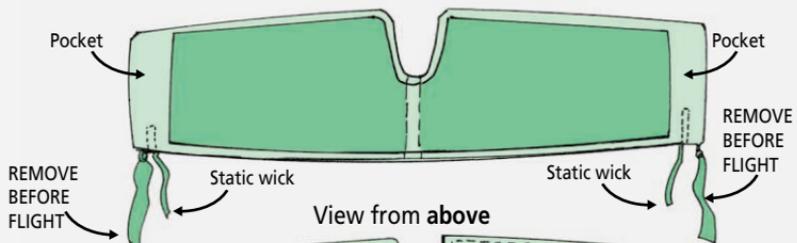


- Assemble REMOVE BEFORE FLIGHT streamer, NSN 8345-00-673-9992, and attach to sewn-in tabs. Use wire rope and swaging sleeve, NSN 4030-00-960-1654, to attach the streamer.

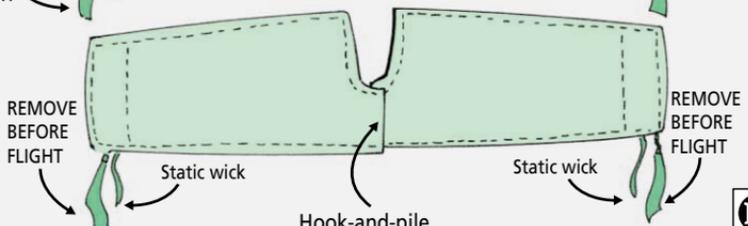
If your unit does not have a shop that can make the cover, contact Fred Reschman at the CA AVCRAD, (559) 347-5575.



View from **below**



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Hook-and-pile holds them together

