

# The Bird Blocker

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A **STOWAWAY!**

HEY, YOU KNOW BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER.

TRY THIS BIRD BLOCKER TO KEEP 'EM OUT!

Dear Editor,

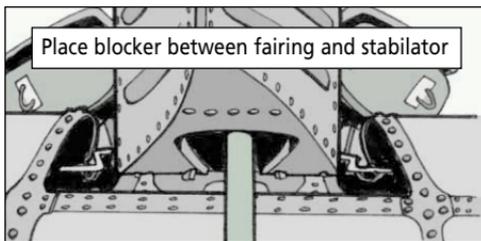
During our 10-hr/14-day Black Hawk inspection, we came across a bird's nest nestled in a hole underneath the cambered fairing of one of our helicopters.

While our aircraft sit on the flight line, birds can squeeze through the opening where the stabilator and the stabilator actuator connect. Having found a great spot for a home, they build nests.

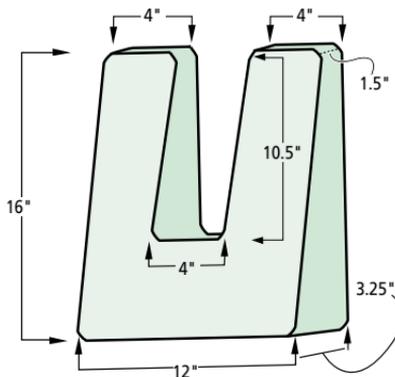
Bird nests can present a FOD problem. And because nests hold moisture, they can create corrosion. When the nest dries, the grass gets hot and creates a potential fire problem, too.

We removed the nest, and made a bird blocker out of rubber foam. We placed the blocker's thin front end between the stabilator and the fairing to cover the opening. We attached a REMOVE BEFORE FLIGHT streamer. That keeps those pesky birds from making *our* bird "home sweet home".

Place blocker between fairing and stabilator



Here are the dimensions we use.



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