

AH-64A/D...

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

I'M *NOT* CRYING! I THINK WATER HAS BACKED UP IN MY JETTISON PIN STORAGE AREA!

DON'T WORRY! THIS WIRE WILL ROOT OUT THE CRUD!

SNAKE THE DRAIN HOLE

Standing water inside the canopy jettison handle access door (T50) of your Apache means you need a rotor rooter job, repairers.

The canopy jettison handle sits forward of the copilot gunner window (CPG) under a quick release panel for the ground crew to blow off the side panels in an emergency evacuation.

Just because it's out of sight doesn't mean you should put it out of mind. If you do, and water backs up into the canopy housing because of a clogged drain hole, you can bet your bottom dollar that the canopy jettison system will short out. Plus, water can also seep into the forward avionics bay and cause damage to components.

So when you perform your 10-hour/14-day inspection like it says in TM 1-1520-238-PMS, eyeball the drain hole inside the canopy jettison pin storage area to make sure it's not filled with water.

To unclog the drain hole, use a 6-ft, long, 1/16-in diameter wire. Attach a "Remove Before Flight" streamer, NSN 8345-00-673-9992, and swedge, NSN 4030-00-960-1654. Smooth out all the burrs with a piece of crocus cloth and lightly coat the wire tip with RTV and let dry. Snake the drain hole with the wire to get the crud out. When the drain is clear, remove the wire to prevent a FOD problem.

