

# A STICKY SITUATION

BEFORE YOUR  
HELMET GOES  
ON, MY COUNTER-  
MEASURE SET  
COVER NEEDS TO  
COME OFF!



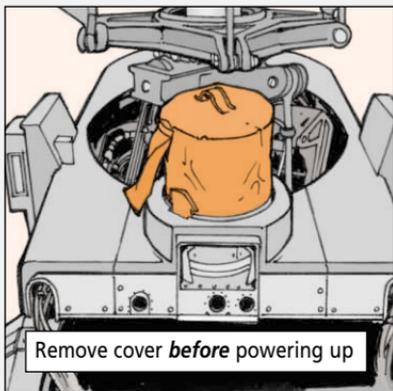
It's easy to forget about removing the AN/ALQ-144A countermeasure set cover, NSN 5865-01-109-1800, when pre-flying your Black Hawk, Kiowa Warrior or Apache.

Then when power's applied to the aircraft while the cover's on, extreme heat shrinks or melts the cover to the countermeasure set. Then you have a sticky mess to clean up and your avionics shop won't be too happy.

If any parts of the cover get baked on the countermeasure set mirrors and can't be cleaned off, it will cost your unit \$36 a pop to replace each damaged mirror.

Use the cover to shield the mirrors from direct sunlight and protect them from dirt, grit, dead bugs and soot. But always remove the cover when you power up your bird.

Remember, clean the mirrors before takeoff and after each landing like it says in Chap 4 of TM 11-5865-200-12. That way, the set can continue to protect your bird.



Remove cover *before* powering up