



An Open and Closed Latch

Mechanics, bad habits are hard to break and can put your Black Hawk's APU and transmission oil cooler access door latches in harm's way.

Here's a scenario that's bound to cause unnecessary repairs.

It's time to perform maintenance on the oil cooler. You pop open the latches on the access doors, swing 'em back and let 'em fall. Didn't you hear that big BAM?!

Just like a javelin, the open latches punch holes in the engine cowling. And once again, you're guilty of leaving the latches open when they should be closed. Even if you lay the doors back on the cowling gently, open latches can still cause damage. If you step or kneel on the door you'll hear a sickening "*Crunch!*" The door is a NO STEP area.

Every time you open the access doors, always make it a habit to lock the latches back in place. Open and close them several times to get in the habit of locking them. You'll be amazed how quickly your mind will make the two actions, opening and closing latches, one action.

The answer to unnecessary repairs is getting in the habit of doing things right the first time!

