



TEMPORARY AIRCRAFT STORAGE

Mechanics, there are preventive measures to consider when you temporarily store your bird. For example, you'll need to cover open areas to block out sand, rain and such.

And you'll protect canopies and windshields from blowing sand, too. But duct tape is **not** the solution.

Improper materials such as the ever-popular cotton-backed adhesive tape, commonly known as "duct tape" or "hundred mile-an-hour tape," can wreak havoc on an aircraft's painted surfaces and canopies.

Duct tape leaves a sticky residue that has to be removed with harsh chemicals, which often damages the paint on your bird.

The correct tape for short and long-term storage (up to two years) is pressure sensitive tape. You'll find it listed in Appendix A, Item 92 of TM 1-1500-344-23. It works for many outdoor applications and can be used on metals or painted surfaces with clean removal up to two years after its use.

You can order the width you need from the list below. The tape comes in 36-yd long rolls.

Tape, pressure sensitive	
NSN 7510-00-	Roll width
852-8179	1-in
852-8180	2-in
885-3510	2.5-in
926-8939	3-in
916-9659	4-in
926-8941	6-in

But don't use it on acrylic or polycarbonate canopies and wind screens. First, cover canopies and windcreens with barrier material and use the pressure sensitive tape to hold it in place.

Barrier material is Item 88 in Appendix A of TM 1-1500-344-23. It comes in 200-yd rolls.

Nomenclature	NSN	Width
Barrier material, flexible, greaseproof, water resistant, heat sealable, MIL-PRF 131 class 1	8135-00-282-0565	36-in roll