

WATCH THE HANDS!



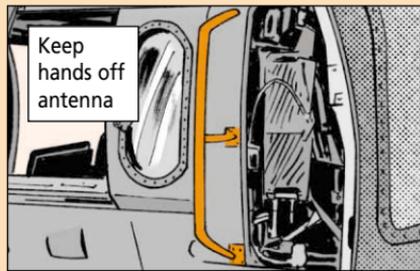
NOT SO FAST, BUDDY! DON'T BE GRABBIN' MY ANTENNA OR MY GLARE SHIELD!

THEY'RE NOT HANDHOLDS!!



Mechanics, not everything on your Black Hawk is a handhold.

For example, the FM homing antenna should **not** be used for pulling yourself up on the bird. Don't grab it—it can't handle the weight. A broken antenna means you won't home in on anything.



Another thing you do **not** grab is the cockpit glare shield pad. You can gouge it with your fingernails while gripping it. It's made of foam and tears easily.



The glare shield keeps sunlight off the cockpit instrument panel and it's not very sturdy. If damage occurs, repair it like it says in Para 2-4-28 of TM 1-1520-237-23-2.

The proper way to enter the cockpit is to step up on the cockpit steps and grab the seat.

To go topside on your bird, use the cabin steps. And keep your feet off the drag beam support fairing too. It can't take the weight.

Always check your airframe TM and familiarize yourself with your aircraft's handholds. Use the handholds and steps to get around on your bird. That way you prevent damage to other parts of your bird that aren't meant for use as handholds.