



Helicopter repairers, out-of-sight, out-of-mind doesn't play well when it comes to maintaining and preserving your Black Hawk's ESSS extended range fuel tanks.

Removed tanks should not be left out to roast in the hot sun or be left exposed to bad weather. Leaving tanks outside makes them vulnerable to the elements and the animal kingdom, like bird droppings. Rain and temperature extremes can damage the tanks.

Weather changes can cause condensation buildup inside the tanks. And you know corrosion will follow if the tanks aren't properly preserved. Uncovered connectors, plugs and fittings are openings for corrosion to attack.

Don't treat them like leftovers from yesterday. When the tanks are removed from the bird, give 'em a healthy dose of proper PM like it says in Para 1-3-26 of TM 1-1520-237-23-1. Don't forget proper tank preservation, which is often not done like the TM says.

Make sure you always store the tanks in a warm, dry area, covered and preserved correctly by following the TM instructions to the "T".

