

AH-64D...

# Hook it Up Right

*THERE!  
SHE'S ALL  
HOOKED UP  
AND READY  
TO REMOVE.*



**D**uring the 250-hour inspection, mechanics, if you remove or install the Longbow mast-mounted assembly (MMA), use the sling correctly and follow the 1-1520-Longbow IETM.

One wrong move and the whole shebang will crash down on you. You could get hurt or killed and destroy an expensive piece of radar equipment. That's not good.

The radome has a delicate scanner inside and improper handling will damage it, especially if the sling is not hooked up correctly. Damage means the MMA goes to depot for repair.

## Here are some tips for proper sling use:

- Use some type of cushioning between the three straps and the metal hook to protect the MMA from scrapes, gouges or denting of the resin composite radome.
- Make sure all three sling pins are completely inserted and secured into the MMA slots.
- Make sure the sling straps are not twisted, but lie flat against the radome when they're attached.
- **Most important**, pay attention to and attach each sling hook to the sling pin and not to the "Remove Before Flight" streamer. That's a definite no-no!



No twists in straps. Use foam to protect radome



Without foam, hook can damage radome's composite surface