

AH-64/UH-60 series...

STABILATOR COVER UP

Protecting precious items like jewelry, expensive clothes, furniture, and family heirlooms from damage is an important matter.

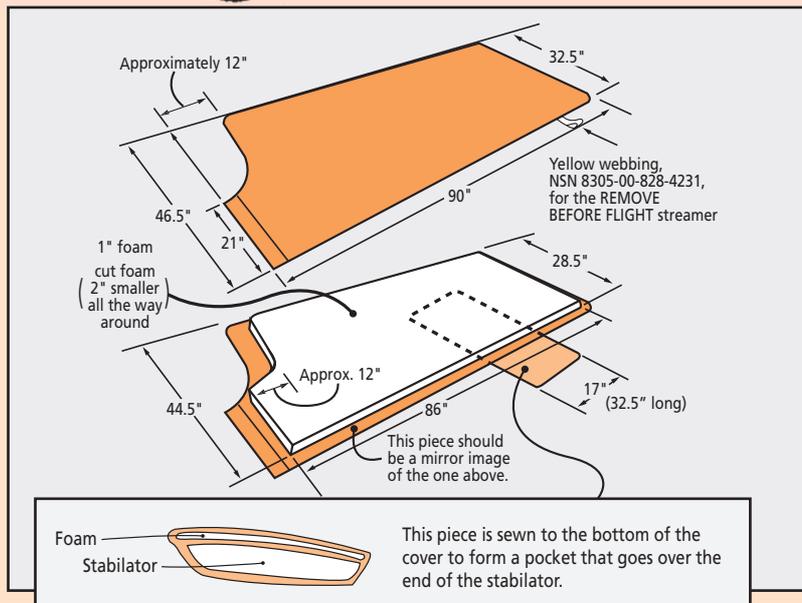
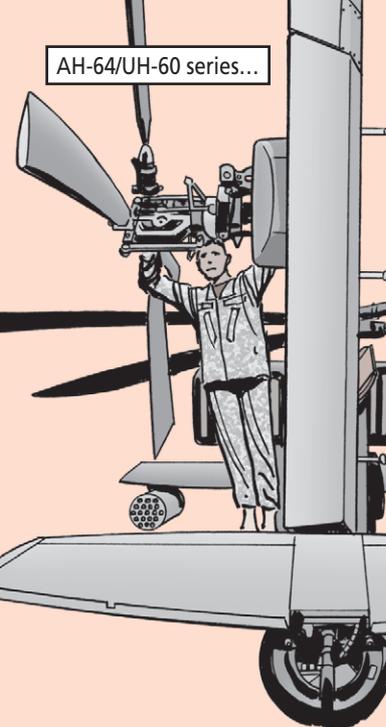
The same goes for a Black Hawk or an AH-64 stabilator. A tool dropped on an unprotected stabilator can cause unnecessary and costly repair or even replacement.

Your aircraft is grounded until the AVIM shop repairs minor nicks or dings or replaces a punctured stabilator.

Even the best mechanics get butter fingers from time to time, so a cover on the stabilator is a maintenance life saver.

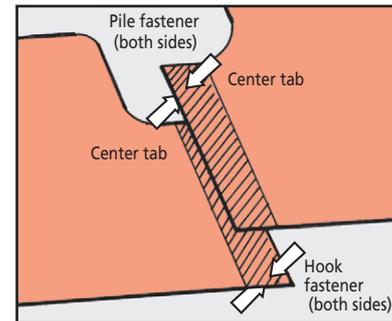
If you have any type of cover, whether it's canvas or foam, use it to protect the stabilator from tools like wrenches, hammers, and screwdrivers that damage the stabilator if dropped while working on the tail rotor.

If you don't have covers, get your upholstery shop to make a right and left piece for the stabilator with the following instructions.



The cover is made from red vinyl and uses fire retardant and flame resistant foam as insulation, both of which you can purchase locally.

- Begin sewing the top and bottom together, leaving one of the long sides open for inserting the foam.
- After inserting the foam, finish sewing the two pieces together.
- Reinforce the opening edge of the pocket panel by folding it over 1 inch and sewing webbing on that edge. Sew in a web tab safety streamer.
- Then sew the panel to the cover. Leave a 7-in long opening 5 inches from the corner on the trailing edge to allow an opening for the static wick.
- Once you've made the first piece, make another one that's the mirror image of the first one. (You need two pads—one for the left half of the stabilator and another one for the right half.)
- The two pads will fasten together at the center of the stabilator with hook-and-pile fasteners as the diagram shows below.



Attach "Remove Before Flight" streamers to the sewn-in tabs.

If your unit does not have a shop that can make the cover, contact Rhonda White at the California AVCRAD, (559) 347-5575.

Protective Pad  Stabilator 

