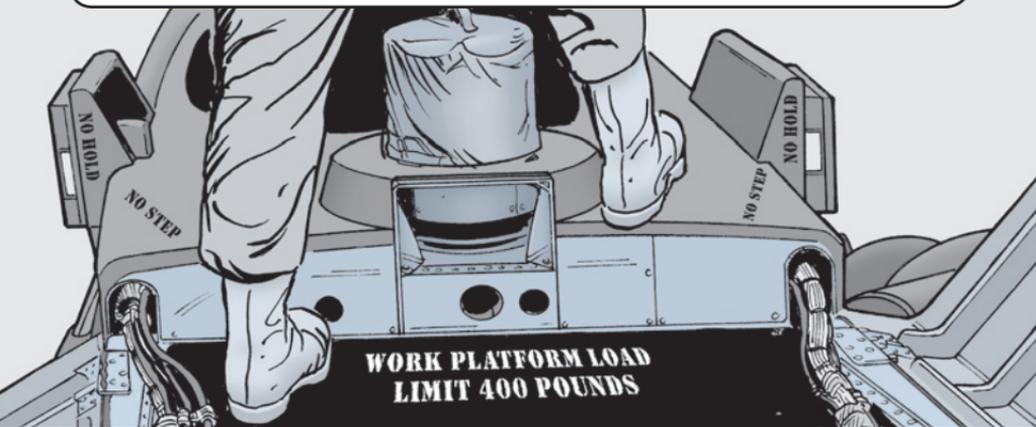


The Word is Watch Your Step

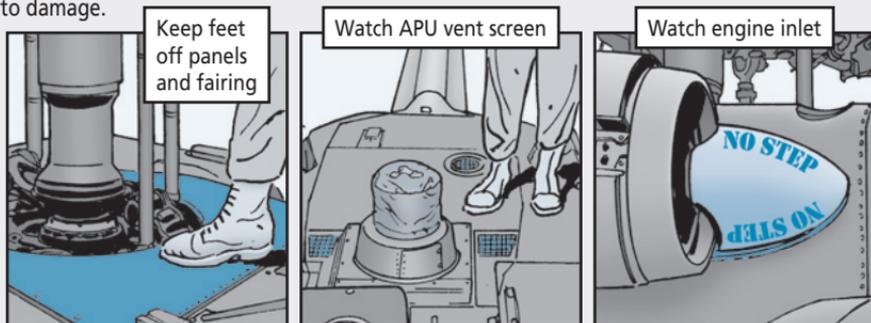


When you're driving down the road, the word STOP means apply the brakes, not accelerate. If you decide to ignore the stop sign and put the pedal to the metal, you could wreck your car or worse.

Aviator mechanics, the word is, watch your feet and your hands when you're walking or climbing up on top of your bird to do inspections or rotor head maintenance.

NO STEP areas mean keep your big feet off. NO HOLD areas mean keep your hands off, too.

If you come down too hard on a NO STEP area or pull too hard on a NO HOLD area, you could easily crack your bird's thin outer skin or break off components. Standing on unsupported areas of your bird—like the main rotor fairings, panels, engine inlets, upper pilot windows and APU vent screens—is guaranteed to lead to damage.



So if you plan to go top side again, make sure you know where the steps, handholds, walkways, NO HOLD and NO STEP zones are. 'Course, always check TM 55-1500-345-23 for NO STEP and NO HOLD zones. Walk, step and grab only where you should. Otherwise, you'll damage your bird. *Ouch!*