

UH-60/
AH-64
Series...

PROTECT THE STABILATOR

I SHOULD
GO BACK AND
GET A COVER...

THIS IS GOING TO
BE QUICK. I'LL GET A
COVER NEXT TIME.



I KNOW WHAT YOU
GUYS ARE THINKING!
GET A COVER!!

YOU NEVER
KNOW WHEN
OR IF A TOOL
WILL SLIP FROM
YOUR HAND!



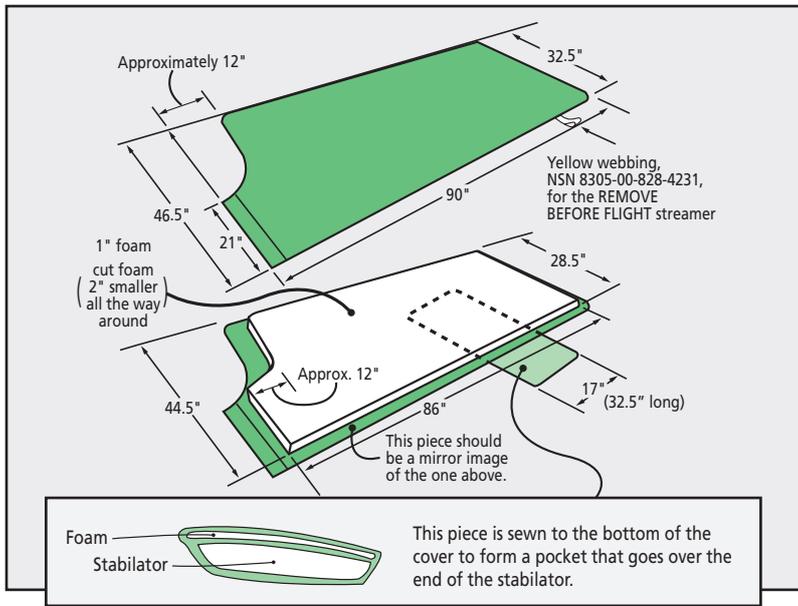
Mechanics, the last thing you need is to drop a tool on an uncovered Black Hawk or AH-64 stabilator.

So make covering the stabilator the first thing you do. Protect the stabilator using some type of foam, cushion or cover before doing tail rotor maintenance.

Even the best mechanics can have butterfingers and drop a hammer, wrench or screwdriver sometime.

Any of those tools can puncture, dent or damage an unprotected stabilator. If that happens, your aircraft will be grounded until support repairs minor nicks or dings—or replaces the entire stabilator if the damage is severe enough.

If you have an upholstery shop, or even a battalion ALSE shop, get them to make a right and left protective cover for the stabilator using these 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. Use the dimensions on the next page as your guide to making the cover.



- 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. (You need two pads—one for the left half of the stabilator and another 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 you can't make a cover, you can order a GSA approved alternative cover for your stabilator. For the UH-60A/L, you can get a digital cammo cover. You can also get an AH-64 stabilator cover. For the UH-60M, you can order a digital cammo stabilator cover. Check out these and other GSA approved covers and the current pricing at <http://www.gsaadvantage.gov> under contracts GS-07F-5768R and GS-07F-9386S.

Make a note that the California AVCRAD is **not** contracted to supply covers for the Army. So units need to either contract locally to have the cover made, make it themselves or order them from GSA Advantage.

Always remember, don't leave covers on while on the flight line because of blade rotor wash.

