

AH-64A/D...

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SHOO!

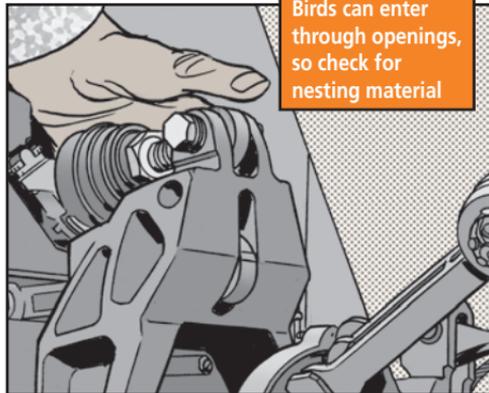
HEY!
DON'T
MESS
WITH
OUR
HOME
SWEET
HOME!

Mechanics, just when you thought the bird problem was over, here they come again!

If you have not checked your AH-64A/D tail rotor gearbox area for bird nests lately, make sure you do so on the next pre-flight inspection.

While aircraft sit on the flight line, birds squeeze into the opening of the tail rotor gearbox section. That creates a FOD problem you don't need. Bird nests hold moisture that creates corrosion. Dry grass creates a fire hazard when it falls onto a searing hot gearbox. Even in the desert, birds can make nests out of discarded wire or just about anything else.

Birds can enter through openings, so check for nesting material



So inspect the tail rotor section for bird nests by removing the cover according to the procedures in your Longbow IETM and TM.

Be aware that bird droppings are not only messy, but highly corrosive. Droppings can eat through paint, wiring and insulation. They also carry diseases so for your own health, always wear gloves when cleaning off droppings.

If birds have made your aircraft home sweet home, evict them and see your upholstery shop about making a removable cover for the tail rotor section to keep 'em out! Make sure you add a "Remove Before Flight" streamer.