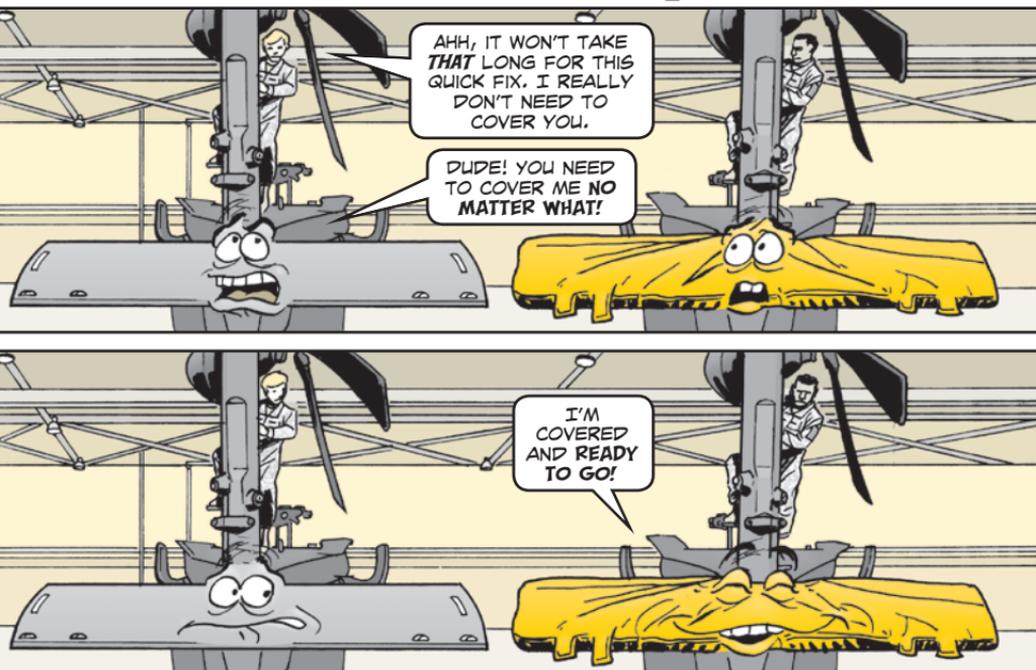


Protect Aircraft Folding Stabilator



Mechanics, when you're working on the Black Hawk tail rotor, put a cover on the stabilator no matter how carefully you think you are gripping a tool.

Protecting the Black Hawk stabilator from dropped tools keeps your aircraft off the NMC list. That's why the cover is important. Even the best mechanics get butterfingers every now and then.

Black Hawk M-models have a folding composite stabilator that consists of three sections. One dropped tool means you'll be replacing the damaged section. That's because there are no field repair procedures for composite stabilator sections. That's right, you will have to turn the damaged section of a stabilator in to tech supply for a trip back to the Depot for evaluation and repair.

So, gone are the days when you could call the sheet metal shop to do skin patch repairs and send the aircraft on its way.

Since the new M-model comes with a cover, there is no excuse not to have it in place while doing tail rotor maintenance.

If you forget the cover and drop a tool on the stabilator, you or your unit will be on the hook for the replacement cost to the tune of \$39K for the center section, and \$33K for the left and right sections.

Now that will certainly hurt somebody's pocketbook because the total tab for all three sections of the stabilator cost about \$107K.