

Policing FOD Prevents FOD



Mechanics, foreign object debris (FOD) is a Kiowa Warrior's nemesis and a nightmare for you. Preventing foreign object damage (FOD) should rank high on your preventive maintenance list.

One way you can fight foreign object damage is to follow the "clean-as-you go" motto. That way, rags, tools, or parts won't get left behind and spell doom for your aircraft.

One way to handle foreign object debris is to hang a can—a homemade can painted red and labeled FOD—on the Kiowa's tail stinger when doing maintenance inside the hangar. So as you move around your aircraft you can drop things in the can such as old washers, stripped screws, spacers, discarded safety wire and any other debris you pick up while doing your job. Dropping common FOD items into a FOD can means the stuff can't fall out of your pockets into aircraft moving parts and hard to reach places.

Remember, when it comes to FOD, leave nothing to chance. Always check for loose objects such as pens and pencils that could put your life in harm's way and pose a danger to your aircraft.

Check out the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center's web site for FOD information and more:

<http://www.rucker.army.mil/>

