

Rotate Blades Either Way



Dear Windy,

Many OH-58 maintenance types believe you shouldn't rotate the main rotor blades backwards to tie them down, even if the distance is shorter.

There is no harm rotating the blades backwards unless strong resistance is encountered. If so, you should find out what's causing it.

Please spread the word.

CW4 D.L.C.



Dear Mr. D.L.C.,

You're right . . . it makes no difference which way you rotate the blades. If the blades turn hard, it's probably because of heavy buildup of carbon on the N2 turbine blades or labyrinth seal. Schedule the bird for maintenance to remove the carbon.

Windy