



Any time you Kiowa mechs remove the main drive shaft to pull maintenance on another component, it's not necessary to repack the couplings with grease.

Just make sure you only compress the couplings enough to release them from the mating adapter flange. If you compress them further, the shaft has to be disassembled, inspected and packed again.

To keep the couplings extended, cut some strips of wood or cardboard to fit between the couplings. Use masking tape to hold the strips in place on the shaft.

You could even make a small fixture from  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in plywood to keep the couplings extended and provide a clean stand to hold the shaft.

Either way, you'll save yourself some elbow grease!