

# Former Protector

Dear Editor,

The former, item 17 of Fig 21 of TM 55-1520-228-23P, that holds the transmission cowlings takes a beating when the cowlings is off. The most abused areas are above the pilot and co-pilot crew doors. These are the areas a mechanic steps on when he's doing rotor hub maintenance.

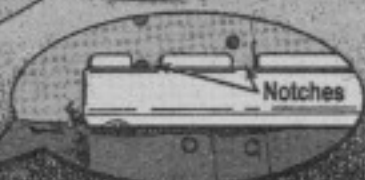
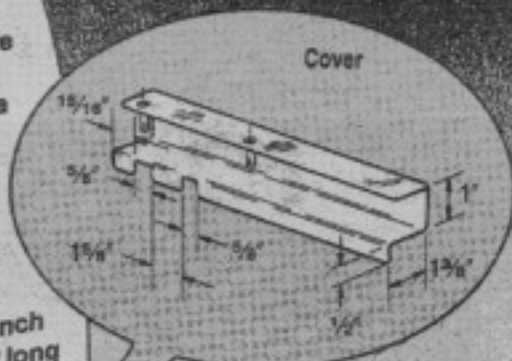
I made a cover for the former out of aluminum sheet, NSN 9535-00-232-0569. You need two 4 1/2 inch wide pieces—one a foot long for the left side and one 7 3/4 inches long for the right. Bend both in a U-shape with a wide lip.

Notch the lip as necessary to fit around cabin roof rivets.

Drill two 1/4-in holes in the cover to match the receptacles on the former.

Lock the cover in place with two turnlock fasteners, NSN 5325-00-281-5069.

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(Editor's note: Good advice for keeping the former from becoming a ladder.)