

NO MORE GUESSING



Dear Editor,

There's a lot of guesswork going on when it comes to torquing the main drive shaft bolts on the Kiowa (OH-58A). You don't have enough clearance for the torque wrench and socket wrench to reach the bolts. Mechs use an offset wrench and skip the torque wrench.

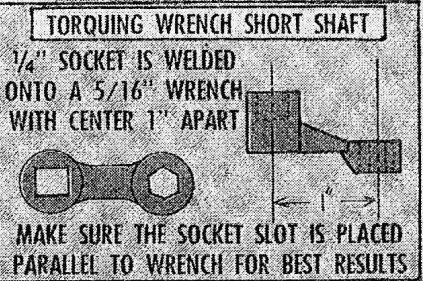
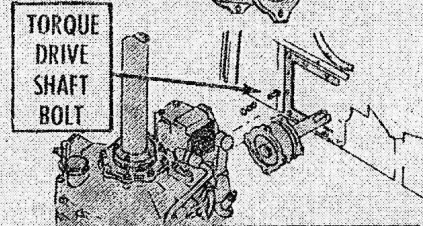
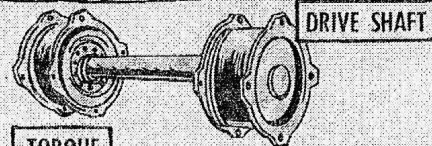
To overcome this revoltin' development we came up with this handy little offset tool which will fit nicely over the bolts and allow you to use the torque wrench.

The tool is made from a 1/4-in drive socket welded onto a 5/16-in box wrench, both from salvage.

Now, getting an even torque on the short shaft bolts is a breeze.

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(Ed Note—Good going! The head shed (AVSCOM) recommends the tool. Remember, tho, the tool gives you a 1-in extension of the torque wrench. You have



to use the formula in Fig 6-62 of TM 55-1500-204-25 (Apr 70) to get the actual torque to use on the bolts.)

