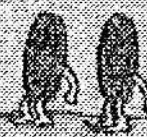




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Hollow Sound OK!



Using a coin to check for a bonding void in your thin-skinned aircraft is standard operating procedure.

It won't work on the tip cap of your OH-58A/C main rotor blades, tho.

You always get a hollow sound when you tap the cap because it's filled with Styrofoam. You do not have a bonding void there requiring blade replacement.



Move inboard from the cap (Station 208, Fig 5-22 of TM 55-1520-228-23) and you'll get a solid response to your tapping.

So when you spot small dents in blade caps and flight characteristics are not affected, Para 5-86e (8) of the maintenance pub says you can keep 'em flying.