

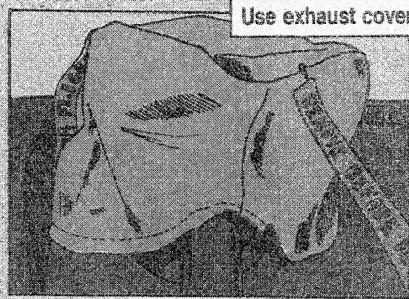
OH-58 . . .

Gearbox Guidance Again

Here are two covers to keep water from seeping through the vented filler cap of the OH-58 tail rotor gearbox.

Pick the one you like and use it, or come up with your own—but cover that filler cap.

William Warren says to use the Kiowa's exhaust cover, NSN 1730-01-036-5012.



Put three eyelets, NSN 5325-00-231-6589, around the base of the cover and run two feet of cord, NSN 4020-00-246-0688, through the eyelets. Secure the cover to the gearbox with the cord.

Steven Looss recommends covering the cap with a plastic vehicle oil sample bottle. Here's how to make his cover:

1. Cut off the bottle's threaded neck.

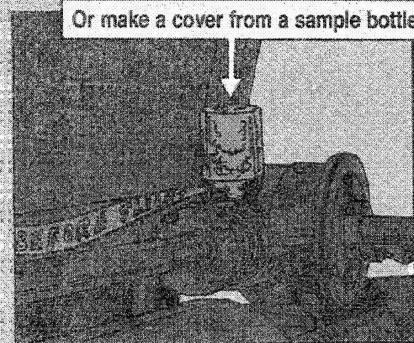
2. Pack the bottle with cotton.

3. Wrap tape around the edge of the bottle until the bottle will fit snugly around the cap.

4. Stick the bottle over the cap and tape it tight.

5. Attach a "Remove Before Flight" streamer, NSN 8345-00-995-7806, by running a wire through the bottle and the streamer.

6. Note removal of the bottle as part of preflight.



LET'S MAKE THIS THE YEAR TO STOP WATER INTRUSION INTO THE TAIL ROTOR GEARBOX. COVER THAT CAP!

