

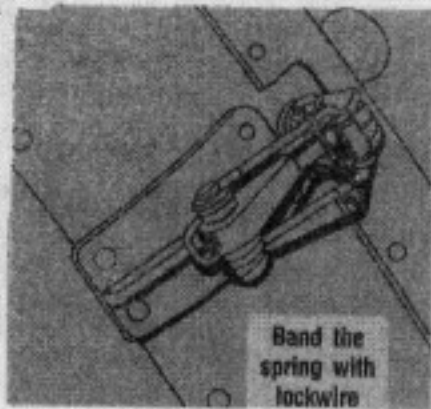
Dear Editor,

We've had a problem with flapping crew doors. Hinge springs that hold the door open wear out quickly. Then the spring slips out of the hollow pin that holds the door open.

Entering and leaving the cockpit then becomes a real adventure, especially if you have your hands full.

Course, the permanent solution is simply to replace the hinge spring—or the whole hinge assembly. In the meantime, though, you can extend the life of the spring by banding the sides of the spring. We do it with .032-in lockwire. It keeps the spring from slipping out of the hollow pin.

Bingo! No more floppy doors!



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(Editor's note: Sounds like you've tied down all the loose ends.)