

FIGHTING THE CRACKED STACK

It's a losing battle trying to keep the insulation jacket on your Kiowa's IR stack from cracking. It's a good bet that most of your 58s have a welded or glued spot where the jacket has split... and that spot is probably splitting again. Here are four things you can do to stop stack cracks:

① Never cover a hot stack. Let the stack have a chance to cool off before covering it.



Stack must cool before being covered



② Never cover the stack by reaching up from the ground. In order to get a good fit, you'll stress the stack. Step up on the aircraft and cover it from above.



Don't remove or install cover from ground...

That lets you adjust the cover without any pressure on the stack.

③ Never remove the cover from the ground. You'll jerk the cover and the stack. Step up on the aircraft and lift the cover off.



...always step up to jacket

④ Never spray high pressure water on the stack. High pressure will dent the jacket and cause cracks.



High pressure water could dent jacket