

Foreign object damage keeps lurking in every nook and cranny when it comes to aircraft.

Take, f'rinstance, the UH-1 or AH-1G helicopter.

Sure, a screen has come along to protect the separator to keep out nuts, bolts, cotter pins, safety wire and other such items.

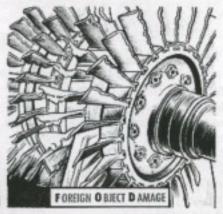
But, there's the doctor-like mechanic who leaves odds and ends — even tools — inside his patient.



When the bird's cranked up vibration jiggles a tool against moving parts, like a tail rotor drive shaft, and damages your equipment.

Then there's FOD such as broken screwdriver tips, slivers of metal, papers or rags that get caught up in the aircraft's compressor.

FOD like that can chip or break the compressor's vanes, knocking the breath out of that bird.



And . . . depending on the extent of FOD . . . power is cut to a nub or the compressor stalls.

'Cause when the vanes are knocked out of rinktum or damaged, they can set off a chain reaction, damaging others by direct contact or by overheating.

So, instead of being added to the nightmare crowd, join the FOD squad and attack at every turn.

Like wherever tools are used make sure they're accounted for and picked up. See to it no debris, even a twig, is laying about when you pull maintenance.