

That's right, chopper caretakers. TM 55-1520-210-20PMP (26 Apr 68) says engine mount bearings get replaced if allowable play limits—0.006-in radial, 0.012-in axial—are exceeded.

Same replacement poop applies to all Hueys.

That excessive bearing play can be just a teenie-weenie bit—like maybe 0.001 inch—and hard to measure with tripod engine mount handshake. It's enough, tho, to cause the hydraulic lines to break, loosen, or leak—not to mention a gut rattling ride. And a birdman without hydraulic power boost is in for a maxisize case of puckeritis. Maybe worse!

So sharpen your peepers and use a gage to measure bearing play when pulling the 100-hr inspection. Ch 6 (22 Apr 68) to TM 55-1520-210-20 has the inspection poop . . . para 5-31. If you have to replace the bearings, let support do it!