



Nobody would haul off and throw rocks at a Huey (UH-1) main rotor blade on purpose, would they?

'Course not.

Yet, with some of the shortcut repairs being made to the weight bag at the ends of a tie-down, that's just what's happening.

Some types are stuffing rocks, bolts and other solid pieces of metal into a torn bag and wrapping it with masking tape. When this weight accidentally gets tossed into the blade during tie-

down, the dent it makes can cost five grand—the price of a new blade.

To prevent this type of damage, buckshot is sewn into the bags when the tie-down is made. Then if the weight should happen to hit the blade, the shot takes the blow, not the blade.

So-o-o-o . . . when the weights go, head for the canvas repair shop with a load of buckshot, sand, or some other type of shock absorbing bag filler. Bird blades can't stand rock throwing.

