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## Exception to the Rule



The general rule on torquing and retorquing is to back off the fastener before tightening with a torque wrench.

But every rule has exceptions. One exception to the torque/retorque rule is the UH-1 tail rotor retaining nut.

When you retorque that nut be-

tween 5-10 hours of flight after installing the tail rotor, you do **not** back off the nut first.

Like the Note on Page 5-119 of TM 55-1520-210-23-1 says, you retorque by turning in the tightening direction only. The idea is to correct any torque loss that may have occurred as a result of split cone seating.

In this particular case, if you backed off the nut before retorquing, you'd set up a new torque situation that would have to be verified again and again.

But this is a special situation. Unless your TM says otherwise, you back off on the fastener before retightening with a torque wrench.

