



Huey Soundproofing Blankets . . .

BUTTON 'EM UP!

BOY! THIS OL' FLYIN' BUCKET O' BOLTS IS SURE NOISY!

RIGHT ON! I THINK TH' OL' BOY IS COMING UNFASTENED!

FASTENERS DO MORE THAN JUST KEEP OUT THE WIND.

OUCH!
OWWW!

WE'D ALL BE BETTER OFF IF THESE YO-YO'S WOULD SEE THAT MY BLANKETS WERE SECURE!

Soundproofing blankets with snap fasteners that are worn or pulled loose from the fabric can really cause you grief.

The faulty fasteners not only make the cabin and cockpit noisier, but can also damage the structural bulkhead and transmission island panels.

If you fly missions with the doors open, the loose blankets can flap in the breeze. When the snaps slap the panels, they can cause dents and voids in the material; the outer skin's only .008 inch thick.



So it really pays to check those fasteners for how well they're secured to blankets and bulkheads, and how well they work.

Blanket fasteners loose or shot? Don't sweat—you may not need a whole new blanket assembly. Instead of ordering a new blanket (big ones cost more than a hundred bucks), you can have the fasteners and stitching repaired for a few cents.

Though the blankets are coded "unit-repairable" in the parts manual, neither TM 55-1520-210-20 nor the General Aircraft Maintenance Manual (TM 55-1500-204-25/1) tells you how.