

Normally, it's a no-sweat deal to hose down the hell hole area. The parts were made to take a lot of clean-up treatment. But if you're crewing a boonie-based bird you may have to make do and these tips will help. An old hand-pump fire extinguisher does a neat job, but a water-filled portable fuel tanker and pump with 55-GPM flow does a better one. Drill a hole in the stopper that fits the fuel tanker's 1-in hose and you'll have pressure a-plenty. Water and P/D-680 solvent is the cleaner to use. CHECKS FOR LEAKS OR SEEPAGE When you're checking the hell hole, be on the lookout for oily build-up on hydraulic lines, connections and fittings. This could be a clue to a loose connection, stripped threads, a break, nick or crack in the line. Remember . . . every takeoff, landing, hover, or ground run-up throws a googol of sand and dust into the hell hole and the servos! It makes PM sense to keep 'em clean, man, c-l-e-a-n!

You can't keep the junk from getting

into the hell hole, but regular PM will

keep it from homesteading.