



A maintenance officer is the coach who calls the signals in a unit. But it takes the whole team to keep aircraft operationally ready.

Here're some winning moves for you crewchiefs and mechanics. Use 'em to score on the bird status chart.

### CLEANING TOOL A MUST

Take the T-53 engine oil filter. Some types clean the filter by stringing the elements on a wire and sloshing 'em in a bucket of solvent. Dirt is shifted from the outside of the wafers to the inside. That's no way to be a winner.

There's a better way. It's spelled out in para 5-98 of TM 55-2840-229-24 (Apr 71) on the T-53 engine.

Use oil filter cleaning fixture SPT 107, FSN 2945-893-5601, listed in TM 55-2840-229-20P (Jan 72). The fixture really lets you clean the filter. It keeps particles larger than 40 microns from entering the inside section of the elements when you soak them in drycleaning solvent.

