

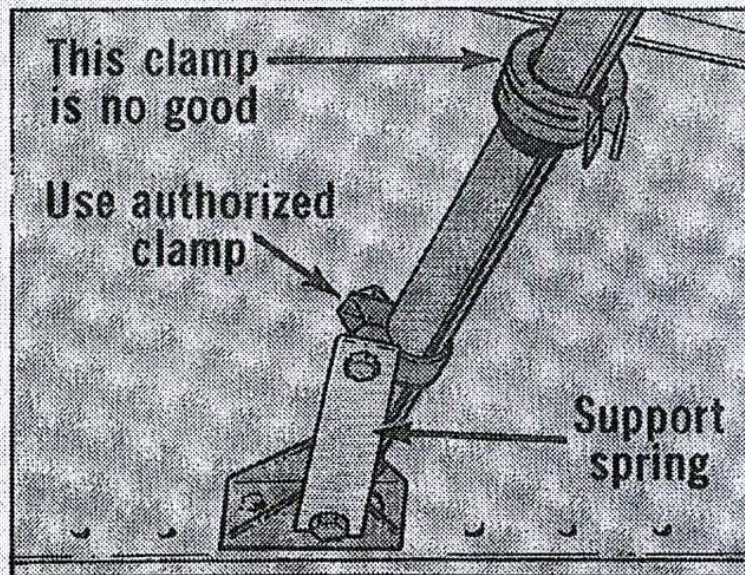
It's not a good idea to "improve" an aircraft by substituting one part for another.

Take the bipod engine mount on a Huey, for example. A support spring is secured to the outboard side of the rear leg by loop clamp, NSN 5340-00-593-3392.

The clamp has a tendency to wear into the zinc chromate coating—not the metal!

To eliminate the wear problem, some mechs substitute another clamp with a rubber bushing. That's a no-no. The substitute clamp is not rigid enough to let the support spring do its job of holding the bipod

upright, when the engine is removed.



So, always use the authorized clamp. You can restore the mount finish by reaching for a spray can of zinc chromate primer, NSN 8010-00-297-0593.