

Dress Right

If you're about to wash indoors be sure there is plenty of ventilation. You don't want to be breathing solvent vapors whenever volatile chemical compounds and organic solvents are on the loose . . . 'tain't healthy. Even with good ventilation, you use a respirator.



'Course, washing inside or out, you always wear protective clothing and equipment, like rubber gloves, aprons, and some sort of eye protection. Last (but not least) you want suitable boots or shoes. Wet bird surfaces, maintenance stands, concrete—all these surfaces can be greased lightning under foot. That's why AR 385-32 (12 Jul 62) and TA 20-11 (5 May 61) give you the green light to order foot gear like the type listed in Federal Supply Catalog CB430-SL. On page 85 you'll find a shoe just made for wet conditions.

Depending on what size brogans you wear, there are 99 sizes, running from FSN 8430-753-5635 through 8430-753-5757. The shoe description goes like so: Shoe, safety, plain toe design, high top, blucher style, steel box toe, leather black upper, nonmarking, oil resistant neoprene and cork sole and heel, mildew resistant treated.

Wash In Shade

But before you make with the soapsuds, try to time your wash job so that the sun isn't beating down on the wash rack. You've got it made if you park your bird in the shade. Of course if you can't find shade, your best bet is to wet the bird down to cool the surfaces and protect the paint finish.

Next, hook up a ground cable and close all access panels, covers and hatches. Depending on what bird you're grooming, you want to use all the bird plugs and covers available to protect

