



HUEY (UH-1) HARNESS WON'T LOCK?

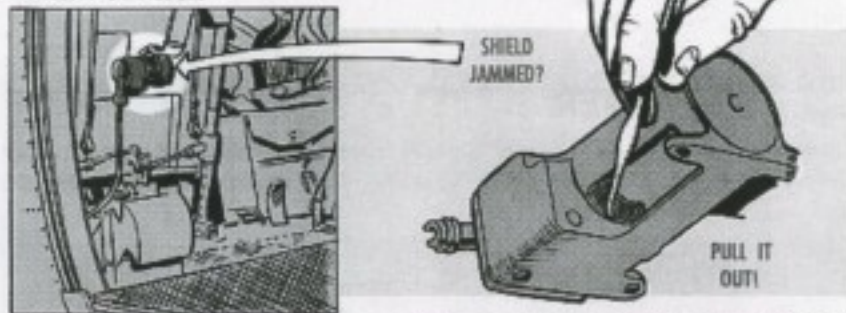
TRY THIS FOR SIZE!

A jammed inertia reel can ruin your whole day—and give pilots a real headache to boot!!

So, if your favorite throttle jockey says the reel won't lock the shoulder harness in either the manual or auto position, don't throw the whole kit-and-kabosh away! Could be that a simple operation will put it back in condition.

Inside the inertia reel housing is a roller drum that the webbing coils around. A webbing shield—either plastic or aluminum—keeps the webbing on the drum and out of the locking mechanism.

Reels, P/N 0106176-0, with serial numbers between 32,000 and 45,000, have a plastic webbing shield. This shield sometimes gets a wee bit out of shape. It can slide off the drum into the locking dog—jamming the reel for real so the harness won't lock.



When this happens, use a gizmo, gadget, or whatchamacallit to reach behind the shield and pull it back out of the locking dog area. If the shield comes loose don't fret—just push it back into position.

A No. 11 crochet hook makes an ideal tool for this job. You might even try a knitting needle—knit one, purl two—knit one, purl two. . . .

Reels with aluminum shields don't have this trouble.

