

LUBE SWASHPLATE

Pulling complete PM inspections will help keep your baby off the "grounded" list for unscheduled maintenance.

Make sure you eye the lube chart in the organizational maintenance pub. If rotating parts don't get greased they're going to fail . . . autorotation, or worse!!

Take the swashplate, for example. The main reason for swashplate bearing failures is lack of grease.

Unusual operating conditions, such as dust and high gross weights, now call for you to lube the bearings every 25 hours.

To do a thorough job, have your buddy rotate the mast by walking the blades thru while you shoot the works at 30-degree intervals around the swashplate. That'll save you the trouble of disconnecting the drive links and re-torquing the hardware.

