

T-53 Engines...

## BLEED BAND ABUSE

STOP

HOLD IT! USE COMPRESSED AIR, NOT A SCREWDRIVER!



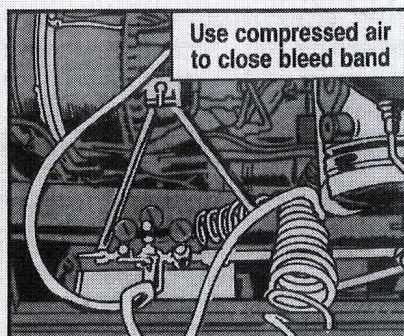
Never use a lever to close the bleed bands of your Huey's or Cobra's engine when you're washing the compressor.



Using any kind of lever—like a screwdriver—could bend the bleed band. Then it won't be able to move in the narrow space available.

That causes bad things to happen, including a high exhaust gas temperature (EGT) during a turbine engine analysis check (TEAC).

Always use compressed air to close the bleed band, like it says in Para 2-2 of TM 55-2840-229-23-1. But make sure you don't exceed 60 PSI when closing the bleed band or you could damage the actuator diaphragm.



If metered compressed air is not available, clean the compressor section with the bleed band open.