

You don't have to re-invent the wheel every time you move your Huey or Cobra to the flight line, bird mechs.

Just take care of your bird's ground handling wheels in between moves and let

them do most of the work to and from the hangar.

Give your wheels the once-over at least once a month. Start with the hydraulic pump. Make sure it's clamped down tight. If the nuts have come loose, snug 'em down. If the rubber padding between your Cobra wheels' clamps and pump has deteriorated, replace the clamps. Without that rubber padding, it may be impossible to secure the pump in place.



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Next, make sure the tires are not cut or worn to the recapping point. If they are, replace 'em.

Be sure your tires are inflated properly, too. Inflate Huey tires to 50 PSI and Cobra tires to 75 PSI. If you try to move your bird with soft tires, a tire could work its way off the rim during a turn.



No Metal Stamps

Never use a metal stamp to mark your unit's wheels. It could lead to cracks and unserviceable wheels.



Check out the rest of the wheel assembly, starting with hydraulic hose connections. Make sure they're tight and not leaking. Replace wheel-mounting pins that are cracked, chipped, broken or bent.

