Dry the plastic with a clean, damp chamois. You can also use a soft, clean damp cloth or tissue. Just be sure you don't rub the plastic after it's dry. And you never, never rub plastic with a dry cloth, chamois, or anything else. It doesn't take much rubbing to make a plastic windshield look like somebody went over it with sandpaper. There's always a certain amount of grit on the windshield. And with dry rubbing—well . . . there's your sandpaper!

Dry rubbing plastic can also build up an electrostatic charge that attracts dust right back on the plastic. If this should happen, you can get rid of the charge and the collected dust, by gently patting or blotting the plastic with a damp chamois.

If you should run into some stubborn oil and grease that you can't get off with mild soap, use a soft cloth wet with Aliphatic Naptha, Federal Specification T-N-95. Keep in mind that naptha is very flammable so be certain your bird is in the open air when you use it. And no smoking, please! After the naptha treatment, make with the soap suds once more and rinse with



Another way to rid your bird of stubborn traffic film is to use a solution of Nonionic Detergent, MIL-D-16791, and a Wetting Agent, Type I Benzo, MIL-D-26937, forty per cent active. Mix one to two ounces of these materials per gallon of water and put the solution on with a soft cloth or photographic cellulose sponge. Finish up with soap and water.

After your cleaning, eye the plastic for any old scratches. You can take minor ones out by using Plexiglass Polishing Kit, FSN 1560-624-0175.

To carry the plastic cleaning bit further, you can do it up brown by using Cleaner and Polisher, Specification MIL-C-18767. Just be sure you polish with soft, clean canton or outing flannel, flannelette or diaper cloth.

Clean Plastic on Inside



Sometimes it seems canopies, windshields—and the like—are dirtier on the inside than on the outside!

How important is cleaning the plastic on the inside of your bird? Well, put yourself in the place of the aviator taking off at dusk toward a disappearing horizon. The few lights that give him a hint about his altitude might never be seen because of a dirty, filmed-up windshield!

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