

UH-1 Huey...

No Corks in Drag Braces



Dear Windy,
I have always been told that cork installed in the end of UH-1 drag braces prevents moisture from getting inside and causing corrosion.

But we recently received two birds which didn't have cork in the new type grease hubs. So I tried to find something in print that says that cork is required, but couldn't find anything.

Isn't cork required in the drag braces? Or have I been misled?

SSG E.Y.

Dear Sergeant E.Y.,
Corks have never been authorized for drag braces because they actually pick up moisture and contribute to corrosion instead of preventing it. If your birds have cork in the drag braces, there's no need to replace them until they become unserviceable. But never install cork in new drag braces.

Windy