

Dear Windy,

I have a question about the Huey (UH-1) main rotor pitch change links. When the lock nuts are loose there is some play between the threads of the barrel and the rod end, even on new parts. The play is gone when the lock nuts are tightened . . . no sweat.

Some of our throttle jockeys say there should be no slop before the nuts are tight, tho. The maintenance pub doesn't say, one way or the other.

What are the limits, Windy?

SSG R. G. H.

PLAY IS OK, BEFORE THE NUTS ARE TIGHT.

Dear SSG R. G. H.,

There aren't any wear limits-none needed!

Thread tolerance limits, built in during manufacture of the parts, give you slop or play. This is not a wear area and does not require limits for the field.

Generally, if you have little or no wear on parts you're not going to see any published limits, Sarge.