

## How to Clean Helicopter Rotor Blades

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1. Clear any obstacles that may interfere with the rotation of the rotor blades
2. Rotate the rotor blade to where it is perpendicular to the fuselage.
3. Apply the rotor brake.
4. Use appropriate size ladder, lift, stairs, or scaffolding to safely reach the blades. (See **Caution** below)
5. Fold some towels in half twice to form a square, wet them, and then wring them out so they are only damp. Also fold some dry towels in the same manner and have them available. (see Note: Towels)
6. Spray an area of the rotor blade with Wash Wax ALL (blue).
7. Support the rotor blade with your hand on the opposite side of the blade.
8. With your other hand wipe the blade with a damp towel or scrub with an Aero Scrubber.
9. Dry the area with a dry towel.

### **CAUTION**

- Do not pull down the blades
- Do not use the blade to support yourself
- Do not depend on the rotor blade to maintain your balance.
- Always support the blade with opposite pressure when wiping or scrubbing
- Do not use the Wash Wax Mop or Bug Buster to clean rotor blades
- When positioning a lift use a spotter to safely guide you

**Note: Towels**

- The damp towel may not be necessary to clean the rotor blades if the surface is cool and not very dirty.
- If the rotor blades are not very dirty, one towel is usually sufficient. Use one side to clean and one side to dry. You may want to dampen the cleaning side of the towel with a few sprays of Wash Wax ALL when first using one towel.
- Use only good quality soft absorbent microfiber or cotton towels.
- Your towels should be washed regularly, inspected for foreign material, and stored in a sealed container or bag, free of any dirt. (See: How to clean & care for your Towels & Pads)

**Note: Getting the most out of your towels**

The towel you use to apply the Wash Wax ALL is going to get dirty first. When you are ready to replace that towel, replace it with the drying towel. It will already be slightly damp by that time so there will be no need to dampen it with water or prime it with Wash Wax ALL.