L20500A REPAIR APPENDIX

Airglas, Inc. created this repair guidance to assist repair technicians in evaluating and repairing the L20500A skis, used on the AH-64 skis.



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Repair Materials & Minimum Tooling

Repairs to the L20500A skis require technicians to have proper tools & materials to perform high quality repairs. Repair done with improper materials and substandard tools can lead to reduced life of the skis.

Below are the materials that a technician will need to perform proper repairs:

Acetone- Used for all pre-cleaning of ski surface and clean-up. Note: Use of alcohol or other cleaning compounds will not work. Either Acetone or MEK needs to be used. Acetone can be purchased at any hardware store.

Resin, Reichhold, 33350-15 Hydrex 100 vinyl ester resin, or approved substitution (Used on all scarf repairs)

Catalyst, Clear -Norox MEKP-9H (Used to cure resin & gel coat)

Gel Coat, Raider(Black) CCP FV 944-BC-002 Add 15% flex (Used to coat surface following repairs)

23T3-90/K Ski Swift (Liquid Teflon Coating) (Used on repaired bottoms to create a slick surface.)

Mat, .75 oz x 50", Chopped Strand

Roving, 24oz x 50" Woven Roving, Certain Teed

6MM Clear Polyethylene Plastic Sheeting – (Used to control resin overflow) Note: Purchased at hardware store

Masking tape- Used to apply plastic to repair area

SSB-6-8 Rivets (Used to install runners in repair areas)

Below are the tools that a technician will need to perform proper repairs:

Brush 3" Chip Bristle (Used to spread resins)

Fiberglass Roller, 3/4 x 3 Aluminum (Used to breakdown glass during repairs)

Sanding Disc 6" 36 grit

Sanding Disc 6" 80 grit

6 inch Orbital Sander –Suggested tool link below. http://store.aihalaska.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=8_8 01_80186&products_id=22969

Rivet Gun, Marston, Model V-2 or suitable substitute. Riveter must have capacity to shoot 3/16" Stainless Steel Pull-thru. Riveter suggested is well under \$100.00.

http://store.aihalaska.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=3&p roducts_id=22824

Hand Riveters like HP-2 are not desirable for installing these 3/16" Steel rivets.

Dust Collector – Used to prevent fiberglass Portable is best. See link for suggested type. <u>http://www.mscdirect.com/product/details/04923207</u>

Drill – Used for runner removal

#10 or 11 Cobalt drill bits- Used for runner removal

3/16" Punch- Used for runner removal

Airglas has a repair kit P/N L20500-200 , available for retail sale. Kit includes the following items:

Part Number	Description	`Qty
01548	Sanding Disc 6" 36 Grit	5 Ea
01506	Sanding Disc 6" 80 Grit	5 Ea
15005	3" Chip Bristle Brush	3 Ea
23T3-90 & PC-216	PTFE Urethane	1 Gal Kit w/part B Qt.
33350-15	Vinyl Ester Resin	1 Gal
23173	Norox MEKP	6 Oz
30112	.75 Oz x 50" Chopped Strand Mat	1 Ea (4'x50")
536787	24 Oz x 50" Woven Roving	1 Ea (4'x50")

Call for current pricing

Note: Airglas can provide a custom repair kits upon request.





L20500A SKI ZONE REPAIR LIMITS

Zone 1-

Zone 1 areas are critical stress areas. These areas include the area immediately surrounding bushing, and attachment areas for cables and spring cylinders. This mandates that the repairs to these areas are extremely limited. (See drawing for clarification.)

Repair: None, unless approved by Airglas, Inc.

Note: Airglas will typically only approve repairs involving replacement of ski bushings. In order for Airglas to give approval to replace bushings, unit must have training and an appropriate fixture for aligning bushings.

ZONE 2-

Zone 2 areas are highly stressed areas. Repairs to this area are very limited. This area includes the tunnel section of the ski, adjacent to wheel well. (See drawing for clarification.)

Repair Limitation: Repairs depths are **limited to one layer of mat/roving only, involving less than 25% of the area of each tunnel vertical & horizontal cross section in this zone**. See drawing for detail. The scarf method is to be used. See scarf method repair instructions.

ZONE 3-

Zone 3 areas are stressed areas. Repairs to these areas are limited. This area includes the tunnel section of the ski, forward and aft of wheel well. (See drawing for clarification.)

Repair Limitation: Repairs depths are **limited to the first two layers of mat/roving, involving less than 25% of each tunnel vertical & horizontal cross section for this zone**. See drawing for detail. The scarf method is to be used. See scarf method repair instructions.

ZONE 4-

Zone 4 areas are less stressed areas. Repairs to these areas are less limited. This area includes the tunnel section of the ski, forward and aft of wheel well. (See drawing for clarification.)

Repair Limitation: Repairs are **limited to the first two layers of mat/roving, involving less than 40% of each tunnel vertical & horizontal cross section**. See drawing for detail. The scarf method is to be used. See scarf method repair instructions.

ZONE 5-

Zone 5 areas are lightly stressed areas. Repairs to these areas are less limited. This area includes the perimeter of the ski. (See drawing for clarification.)

Repair Limitation: Repairs can affect both bottom and top of ski. In which all layers of mat/roving are affected. Limit repairs to less than 30% of this area. Individual damaged areas are limited to 6" in length or width.

Individual repairs should be separated by at least:

12" for when it involves all fiberglass layers, both top & bottom plys.

8" when it only involves all plys on either top or bottom, but not both.

6" when it only involves limited plys of both top and bottom, in the same location.

3" between for all other repairs.

Note: The purpose of this limit is to ensure adequate strength at the perimeter of the ski, after repairs.

See drawing for detail. The scarf method is to be used. See scarf method repair instructions

NOTE: BOTTOM DAMAGE IN SHADED AREAS (ZONE 2) IS LIMITED TO ONE LAYER OF MAT ROVING. BOTTOM REPAIRS OUTSIDE SHADED AREAS ARE TREATED AS ZONE 5 REPAIR AREAS.

NOTE: SKI RUNNERS SHOULD BE REPLACED WHEN WEAR EXCEEDS 25% OF THICKNESS (Less than .100") AT NEXT MAJOR MAINTENANCE.

MAXIMUM REPAIR LIMIT DETERMINATION EXAMPLE:



DETERMINATION OF MAXIMUM DAMAGE EXAMPLE (ZONE 2)(25%):

THE PURPOSE OF BOTH LATERAL & LONGITUDINAL LIMITATIONS ARE TO MINIMIZE REPAIRS THAT COULD RESULT IN LOWER STRENGTH THAN ORIGINAL STRUCTURE, THINK OF A REPAIR AS A POTENTIAL REDUCTION IN A INDIVIDUAL CHAIN LINK, WHICH COULD RESULT IN FAILURE OF THE ENTIRE CHAIN.

LATERAL DIMENSION PER TUNNEL = 18" Maximum damage per tunnel is 18 * .25= 4.5"

LONGITUDINAL DIMENSION = 27" Maximum damage along individual length 27 * .25 = 6.75"

Bottom Abrasion Repair

If the bottom surface sustains excessive wear; it may be sanded down with a 36 grit belt or disc sander and then recoated with epoxy or abrasion resistant gel coat. Once the epoxy or abrasion resilient gel coat is cured, the surface should be re-sanded with 80 grit paper using an orbiting sander.

- 1. Remove the runners or hardware in the area of abrasion from the ski. If only a chip in bottom coating, without a runner or hardware in area, complete steps 2-6 & 12-14.
- 2. Inspect ski for damage to fiberglass material on bottom. The bottom typically has a layer of heavy mat that is applied over the structural roving's. Abrasions only affecting the heavy mat are negligible. Make repairs to the ski as necessary when abrasive affects the roving. See repair limit criteria for damage to bottom repairs, when damage affects the roving's.
- Clean surface of affected area with Acetone, prior to sanding surface. Sanding and grinding can cause contaminates to be driven further down into the ski fiberglass fibers.
- 4. Sand abraded area with a 36 grit sander. Use care to prevent grinding into roving's.
- 5. Apply bottom coating using brush, roller, and spray. Allow area to completely dry.

Note: Epoxy and abrasion resistant gel coat formulas change over time. Older models used an epoxy based coat, which had black colorant mixed in. Newer skis bottoms use a special blend of black high abrasion gel-coat. Contact: *Airglas, Inc.* for current information on how to get needed material.

- 6. Once bottom coat is dry, lightly scuff sand it with 80 grit sandpaper.
- 7. Position runner or hardware in the same location as it cam from step 1.
- 8. Align the rivet/runner holes with an awl, drift punch or #9 drill bit.
- 9. Clamp the runner to the ski with enough clamps to maintain correct positioning.

- 10. Install SSB6-8 stainless rivets (Available from Airglas, Inc.) using an appropriate rivet puller (Air Pneudraulic Type)
- 11. Grind rivet stems flush with the surface of the runner.
- 12. Apply SKI SWIFT PAINT (23T3-90/K1G), using precautions used for standard polyurethane coatings. ALLOW TO DRY FOR 24 HOURS.
- 13. Inspect replacement rivet/runner & hardware installation and return ski to service.

Edge Laminate Repair

- 1. Completely clean separated area with MEK, or Acetone. If possible, use thin blade to open separation to allow for a thorough cleaning of area.
- 2. Apply resin to separated area, attempt to force resin into separation. Apply a separator material (PVA, Teflon cloth, Nylon, etc.) to over affected area.
- 3. Use light clamping pressure to close separation area. Consider using open cell foam and large area pressure plate to disperse the pressure. Avoid using excessive clamping force, because it will squeeze out all resin. Do an immediate clean up of resin in the area.
- 4. Allow the resin to cure completely. Remove any resin that has spilled onto unaffected surfaces. Touch-up area needed with top coat. Airglas recommends that you use flat black "Krylon Fusion", because it adheres very well to the fiberglass resins. It's available at most hardware suppliers.

NOTE: For internal types of separations, contact Airglas, Inc. for possible solutions.

SCARF METHOD REPAIRS TO L20500A Skis

- Inspect area and determine that probable length. Note: It may be necessary to sand area of damage to exactly determine severity of damage (Length & Depth)
- 2. Remove any runner or hardware in area of crack.
- 3. Clean area of crack with Acetone, prior to sanding. This reduces the chances of embedding oils and grease into fibers in the unaffected areas.

4. Sand area of crack using a rotary sander with a 50-80 grit sander. Use a 12 to 1 ratio for removing crack (Example: If damage is .100"deep x .100 length, then the minimum radius would be 1.2"). The sanding area is typically circular, or oval. The radius is also affected by the size of damage. If length of the damage is 1" long, then the minimum radius would be (1" divided by 2)+ 1.2" = 1.7" radius. Remove damage in repair area up to limit.



- 5. After all damage has been removed, determine the size of repair pieces needed. The first layer should be .5" larger than the smallest radius of the removed area. Airglas uses a mat/roving combination for all layers. Cut both mat/roving layers the same size.
 - 6. Do a final clean of repair area.
 - 7. Apply first layer of mat & roving. Wet out with resin, then roll using fiberglass roller. The fiberglass roller assists in breaking down fiber to accept resin. It also forces excess resin to the surface.

8. Apply second layer of mat & roving. Roll out material completely, before applying more resin. This prevents applying too much resin to glass in repair.





- 9. Apply final layer of mat & roving to repair area. Roll out material completely, before applying more resin. Wet out as needed.
- 10. Add final mat to top of repair to provide material to allow for a smoother surface finish when cured.
- 11. Allow repair to completely cure. When cured sand area to smooth the repair.



NOTE: AIRGLAS uses a .75oz. Mat and a 24oz Roving for every layer of the layup. For repair materials contact Airglas, Inc. to purchase a repair kit.



STEP 2 LOOSE ATTACH BOLT REPAIR

DO A COMPLETE CLEANING OF AREA OF HOLES, USING ACETONE OR A SUITABLE SUBSTITUTION.

WAX AREA AROUND HOLES. THIS WILL PREVENT RESIN FROM STICKING TO SKI DURING REPAIR. BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET WAX INSIDE HOLES.

MASK OFF AREAS OF ALL HOLES, BOTH TOP & BOTTOM.



STEP 3 LOOSE ATTACH BOLT REPAIR

CREATE A WET SLURRY OF RESIN (VINYL ESTER OR POLYURETHANE) AND 1/8 MILL FIBER. AN ALTERNATE IS TO USE MAT CUT INTO VERY SMALL PIECES. THE MIXTURE SHOULD BE BETWEEN 70-80%. USE A 2% MEKP TO RESIN RATIO (RESIN SHOULD BE PRE-PROMOTED WITH COBALT). CHECK WITH THE RESIN MANUFACTURE FOR MORE INFO ON WHETHER ITS PRE-PROMOTED. NOTE: MOST COMMERCIAL GRADE RESINS ARE PRE-PROMOTED.

NOTE: ANY 1/2 MILL FIBER OR CHOPPED STRAND MAT FIBER CAN BE USED. THE PURPOSE OF THE MAT IS TO REINFORCE THE RESIN. THE RESIN TYPE IS THE IMPORTANT MATERIAL.

DOUBLE WAX (PASTE WAX) THE ELEVATOR BOLTS, TO PREVENT RESIN FROM STICKING TO BOLT AFTER CURE. ALLOW WAX TO DRY, AND WIPE OFF DRIED RESIDUE.

APPLY RESIN SLURRY INTO HOLE. INSERT THE ELEVATOR BOLTS COMPLETELY INTO HOLE (ENSURE BOLT IS FLUSH ON BOTTOM OF SKI). THE RESIN AND SLURRY WILL FORM TO THE SQUARE PORTIONS OF THE ELEVATOR BOLT, PREVENTING THE BOLT FROM TURNING AFTER COMPLETE CURE. THE BOLTS WILL NOT NEED TO BE REMOVED.

CLEAN UP ALL EXCESS RESIN WITH ACETONE OR SUITABLE SUBSTITUTION.

ALLOW RESIN TO CURE COMPLETELY, TYPICAL CURE TIME AT ROOM TEMPERATURE IS 24 HOURS.



STEP 4 LOOSE ATTACH BOLT REPAIR

INSTALL TAIL WHEEL AND ALL HARDWARE. THE ELEVATOR BOLTS WILL COME OUT WHEN NEEDED AT NEXT OCCURANCE.

NOTE: ALWAYS ALIGN THE ELEVATOR BOLT UP WITH THE SQUARE HOLE TO PREVENT FUTURE DAMAGE.



TAIL WHEEL ATTACH BOLT REPAIR PROCEDURE DERIVED FROM INTERNAL AIRGLAS DATA. DATE: 15 Nov. 2012

- 1. Remove axle from affected bushing
- Fully insert threaded portion of sacrificial axle, or manufactured substitute. as depicted, into affected bushing.

NOTE: Only repair one side of ski at a time.

- Place ski against solid wall, with affected bushing on other side of wall.
- Using a sledge hammer hit the sacrificial axle. Be cautious not to hit ski structure.

as bushing can come out with force and damage opposite side of ski. NOTE: Install plywood on inside of wheel opening of opposite side to prevent damage Use of another sledge hammer against axle, can prevent a missed hit to ski





- 8. Dry fit bushing into hole.
- 9. Manufacture two each .75 wide x .125 thick strips, .25 longer than distance between bushings.
- 10. Do fit check of strips. The purpose of strips is to force bushings against skis.
- Double wax alignment bar with yellow or green wax.



- 12. Mix epoxy resin (do not use quick curing epoxies). Epoxy needs to be thickened with thick enough to prevent drainage of resin during cure. cabosil or microfibers. The thickness should not form peaks in resin, however it must be
- Coat bushing and interior of routed hole with resin mix.
- Insert bushing into hole and align it with alignment bar.
- 15. Install manufactured strips, between bushings
- 16. Wrap fiber reinforced tape around strips, to force strips together. This applies force against bushings.
- 17. Wipe off all resin that squeezes out with acetone
- Allow resin to completely cure, remove alignment bar.







FOR THE L20500A-3 TAIL SKI, FOLLOW THE SAME RULES AS THE MAIN SKIS USING THE ZONES ILLUSTRATED.