

## Tail Rotor Spindle Assembly Repair Procedure

### Disassembly

1. Remove tail rotor assembly and blade assemblies in accordance with:
  - a. TH28/480 Series MM-9-107
  - b. F-28F/280FX Series MM-10-2
2. Clamp spindle in a vise using brass jaws to avoid damaging spindle. (Fig-1)



Figure 1

3. Remove snap ring. (Fig-2)



Figure 2



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4. Remove end plate. (Fig-3)



*Figure 3*

**NOTE:**

When removing end plate keep track of thrust bumpers, and shims. Keep original shims and bumpers with respective end plate.

**NOTE:**

Inspect Thrust bumper for wear ridges on the inside, and outside diameters. Lay a strip of emery cloth on a flat surface and smooth ridges from thrust bumper surface.

5. Remove thrust bumper from end plate. (Fig-4)



*Figure 4*



6. Remove shims from end plate. (Fig-5)



*Figure 5*



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7. Remove seal. (Fig-6)



*Figure 6*

8. Rotate spindle in vise and repeat steps 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, on opposite spindle ear. (Fig-7)

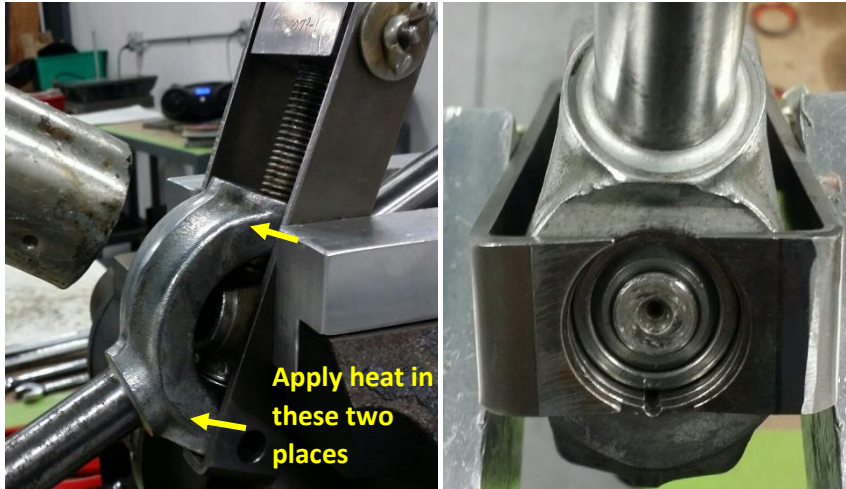


*Figure 7*



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9. Install T-2893 on spindle, secure tool in a vise, adjust tool so that T-2893 does not interfere with bearing, and press both bearing out as far as possible. (Fig-8)



**NOTE:**

Heating the bearings to **80-100 C** will make it easier to remove the bearings.



**NOTE:**

Rotate hub as shown in figure 8 before pressing bearings.

Figure 8

**NOTE:**

Bearings will NOT come all the way out.



10. Install half-moon spacers from tool T-2893 over journals, and press out bearings with T-2893.  
(Fig-9)



Figure 9

11. Repeat step 10 on remaining bearing.  
12. Heat journals and remove from hub with special tool T-2893. Repeat this step on remaining journal, and remove hub from spindle bore. (Fig-10)



Figure 10

**NOTE:**

Heat journals to **100-120 C** for 30 seconds to release the Loctite and facilitate removal.

**NOTE:**

- a. Wash parts in cleaning solvent.
- b. Wash bearings in clean solvent to prevent contamination of bearings.

13. Inspect In accordance with:

- a. TH28/480 Series MM-9-111 – 9-118
- b. F-28F/280FX Series MM-10-5, F

**Assembly**

1. Check hub, washers, and journals for slip fit.

**NOTE:**

Polish hub as required using scotchbrite pad or equivalent.

2. Apply Loctite 7649 primer to hub and journals. (Fig-12)



*Figure 11*

3. Apply a small bead of Loctite 277 to inboard I.D. of each journal. (Fig-13)



Figure 12

4. Install hub assembly into spindle bore, then install washer (chamfer inboard to hub), install journal chamfer outboard to hub. (Fig-14)



**NOTE:**

Hub must be installed in spindle before installing washers, and journals.

**NOTE:**

Remove excess Loctite from end hub ears, and journals.

Figure 13



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5. Using two 9/16 deep-set sockets, mount spindle into arbor press, or vise, apply light pressure, and high heat for approximately 30 seconds, at **40- 80 C** (Fig-16)



**Figure 14**

6. Insert bearing into spindle, flat end of bearing with writing facing outboard of spindle, and the rounded end facing inboard of spindle. (Fig-17)



**Figure 15**



7. Press bearings to the depth of special tool cap. (Fig-18)



Figure 16



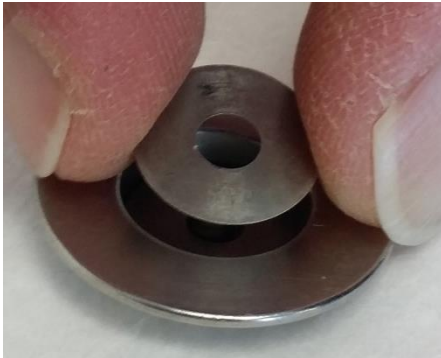
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8. Install seal. (*Fig-19*)



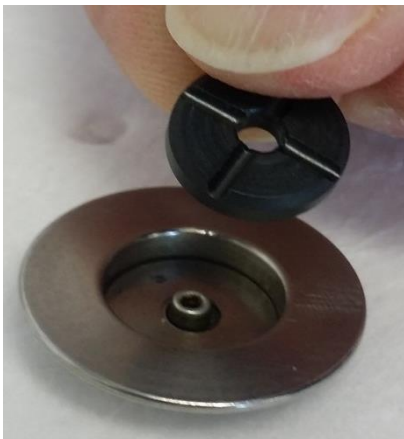
*Figure 17*

9. Install shims into end plate, using a micrometer start with .015" on each side. (*Fig-20*)



*Figure 18*

10. Install thrust bumper, notched end up, (notches inboard to hub). (*Fig-21*)



*Figure 19*

11. Install end plate, and then snap ring. (Fig-22)



**CAUTION:**

Assure snap rings is fully seated.  
If snap rings are not fully seated,  
an incorrect preload will be  
obtained.

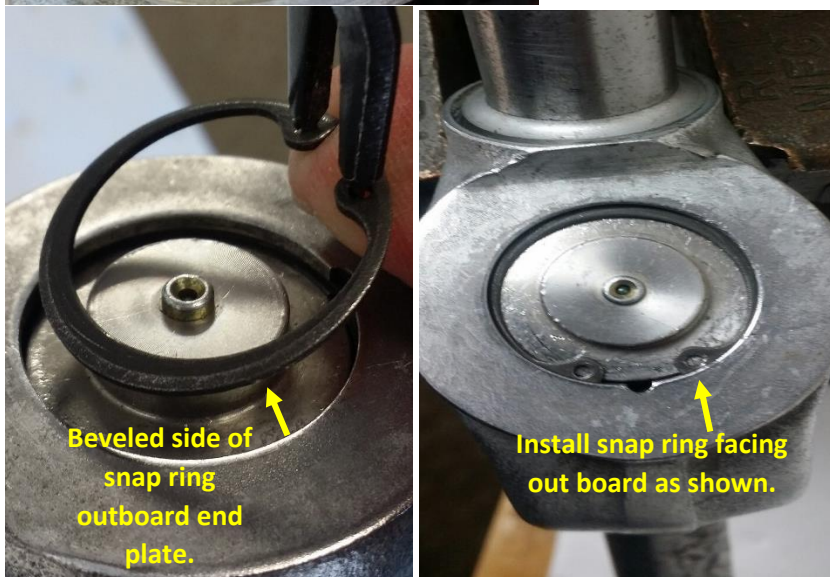


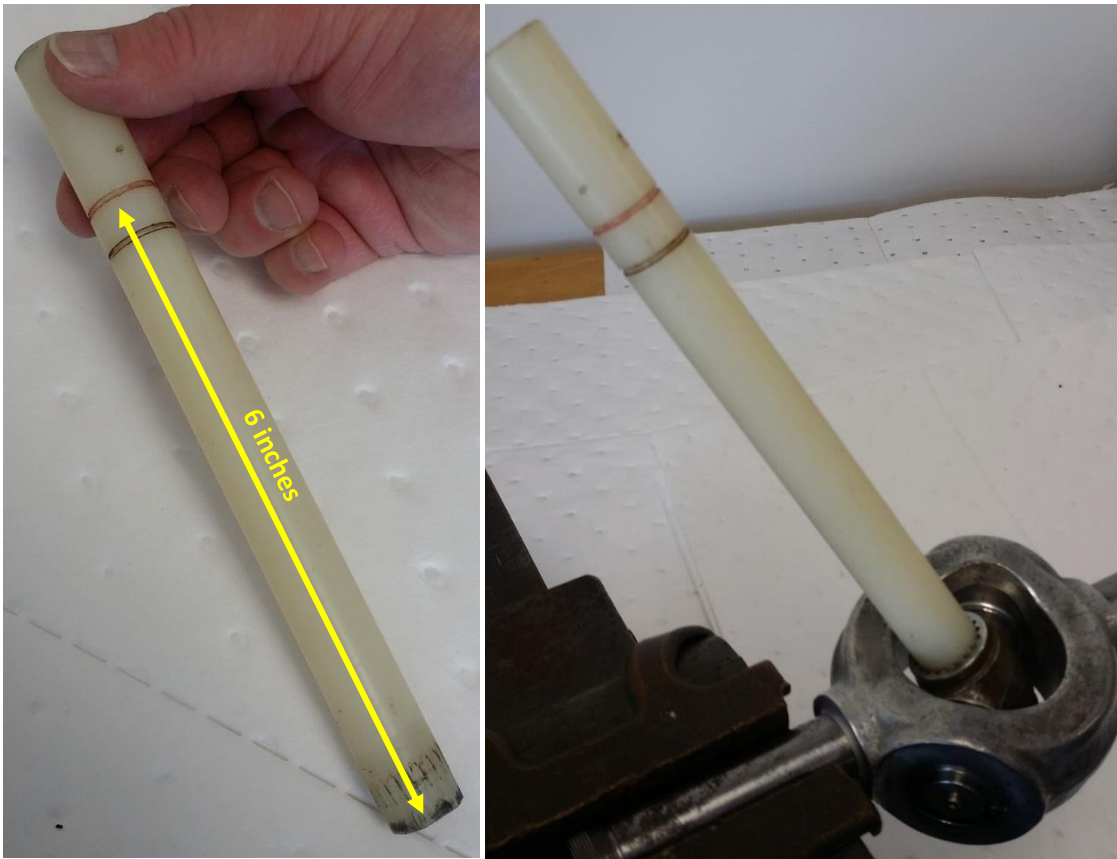
Figure 20

**NOTE:**

The snap ring has a  
flat side (inboard)  
and a beveled side  
(outboard).

12. Repeat steps 9 through 12 to opposite side.

13. Construct an arm to install in the hub splines and measure 6 inches from the center of the hub.  
(Fig-23)



*Figure 21*





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14. Using a spring scale, set drag to  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 lbs. break away force (*Fig-24*)

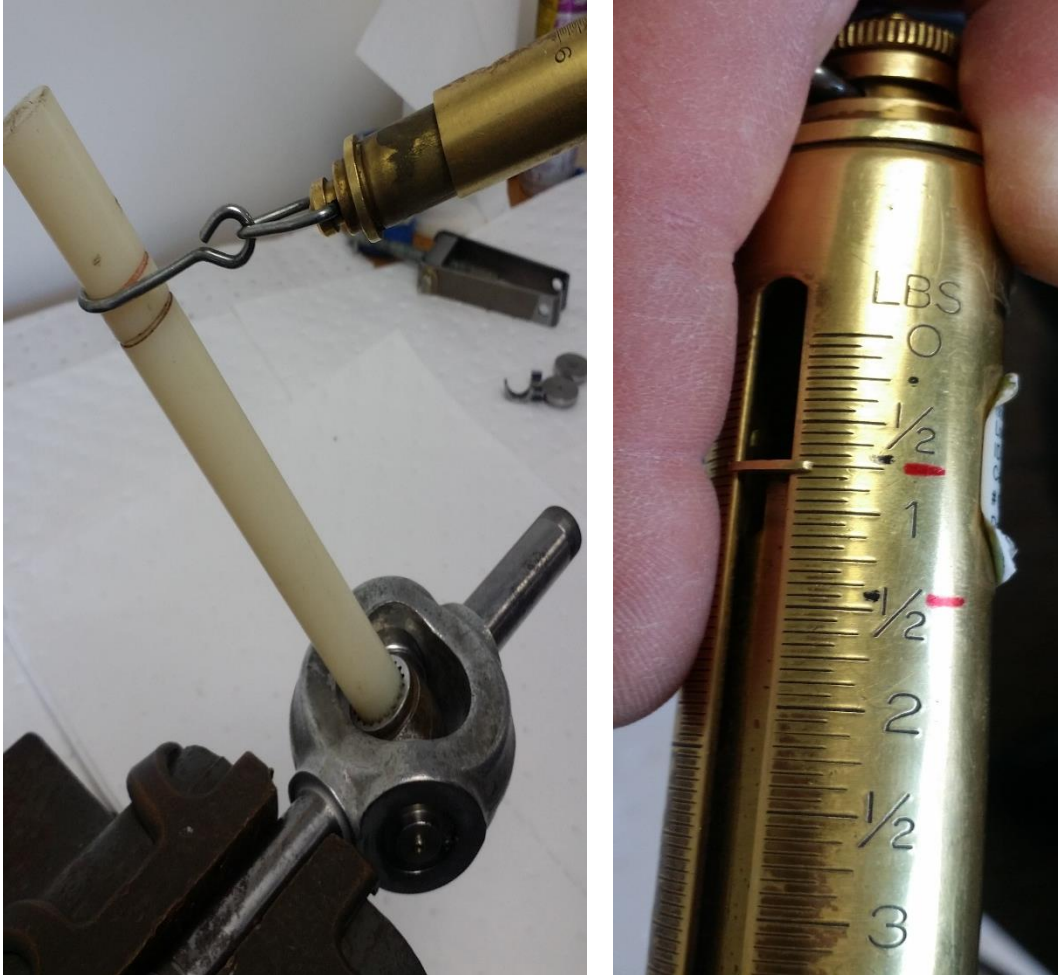


Figure 22

**NOTE:**

Adjust preload by adding shims (increase preload) or subtracting shims (decrease preload) until desired preload is obtained.

**NOTE:**

Shimming should be within .001 inches of either side.

15. Reinstall blade/grip assemblies, Tail rotor assembly, static/ dynamic balance.
- a. TH28/480 Series MM Para: 9-50 to 9-52
    - i. Static balance MM Para: 9-42
    - ii. Dynamic balance MM Para: 9-43
  - b. F-28F/280FX Series MM-10-12 to 10-24