

Safety Notice SN-13

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DO NOT ATTACH ITEMS TO THE SKIDS

The landing gear strut elbows have cracked on several helicopters when the pilot attempted to carry an external load strapped to the landing gear skids. The landing gear is optimized to take high "up" loads. Consequently, it has very low strength in the opposite or "down" direction. Also, even a small weight attached to the landing gear may change the natural frequency enough to cause high loads due to inflight vibration. Do not attempt to carry any external load or object attached to the landing gear.