

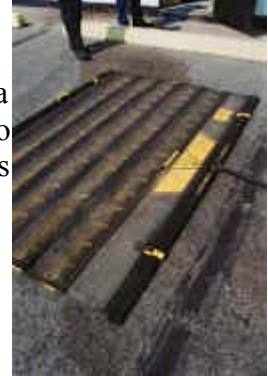
Don't Let FOD Boss You Around

By Dan Steber

The Naval Test Pilot School maintenance department is using a new product, which they love and regularly use, to combat FOD. The new weapon in the war on FOD is called the "FOD*BOSS."

The NTPS bought it from The F.O.D. Corporation and uses it at least once a week or anytime the flight line becomes gritty. The maintainers hook it up to a tractor and run the mat around the flight line. This new FOD device scoops up everything, including fine stones and sand.

The maintenance-material control officer, Lt. Frank Seguin, said he at first had doubts about the effectiveness and durability of the mat. But once he saw it in action, he became a believer.



FOD is scooped up and held in place by a fine removable net. Once done, the maintainers peel back the mesh, which is secured by Velcro, and empty the FOD*BOSS.

The basic unit is one pad and a pintle-hook adapter (coupler), but they sell double and triple units. The developer is testing a unit to tow five pads.



If you're interested in this product, you can contact The F.O.D. Control Corporation, 8987 East Tanque Verde Road, Building 309 - Mail Stop #360, Tucson, Ariz. 85749-9399; call them toll-free at 800-425-8363, or visit their website at www.fodcontrol.com/products.html.

While you're online, take a look at their FOD discussion group or go to www.fodnews.com for FOD stories from the commercial and military sectors.

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