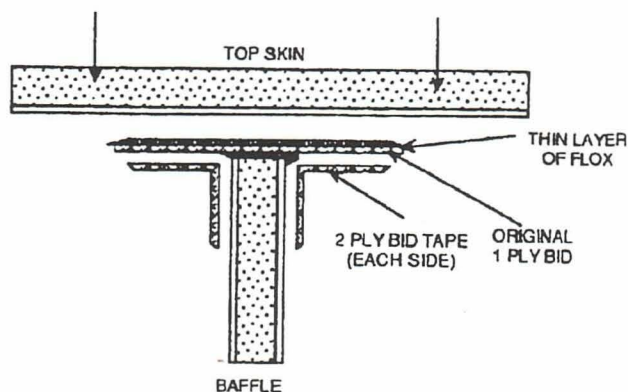


Strake Skin to Baffle Joint

Jim White (OR) - I have always felt uneasy about the flox only joint between the bulkhead baffles and the top skin of the strakes. In addition to being leak prone it doesn't look as

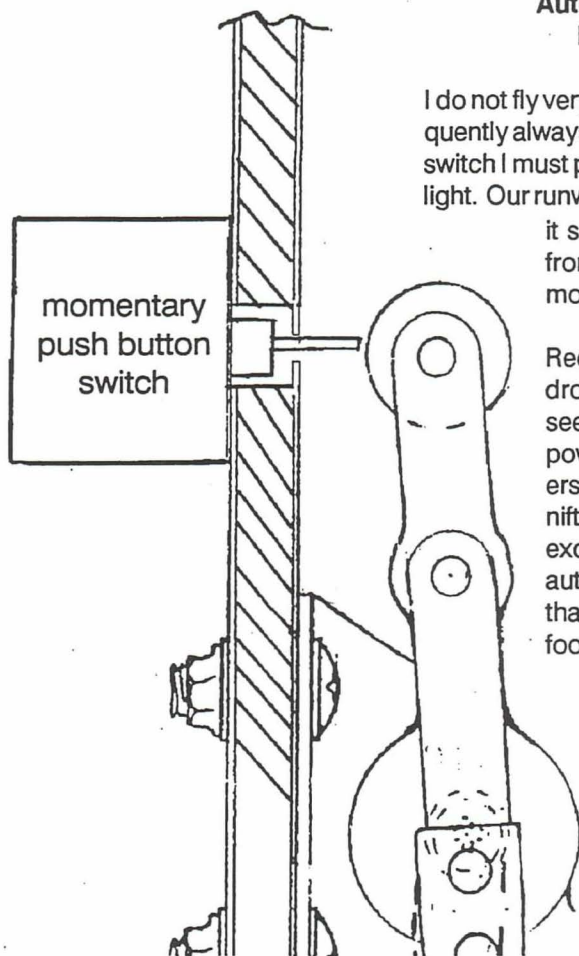
strong as it could be. Therefore, I have come up with a way to tape the inside joints.

Step 1 - Apply release tape, 3" peel ply, 1 ply BID layer, and 1" peel ply to top skin. Install top skin on top of baffles with 1/8" flox on edge of the



baffle. Let cure.

Step 2 - After cure, remove the top skin, ALL peel ply, and tape inside corner of new flange with 2 plies of BID. Reinstall the top skin on top of the new flange with flox.



Automatic Landing Light Switch

I do not fly very much at night and consequently always have to think about which switch I must push to activate the landing light. Our runway sometimes has deer on it so I don't like to look away from the runway for even a moment when on approach.

Recently I was in Alaska and dropped in on Mark Barker to see his nearly complete O-235 powered Long-EZ. All builders seem to come up with little nifty ideas and Mark is no exception. He has a unique automatic landing light switch that is easy to make and nearly fool proof.

A single pole, momentary, push button, normally closed switch is mounted ahead of the instrument panel behind the landing light actuator handle. When the landing light assembly is stowed the light is turned off. Moving the

landing light handle away from the panel releases the switch's push button and closes the switch, automatically turning the landing lamp on.

If the switch's push button is too short to reach through the panel it can be lengthened. Drill a hole in the switch plunger and insert a piece of stiff wire long enough to extend through the panel.

Such a switch makes turning on the landing light easy.

Hal Hunt Exhaust Info Needed

Sam Shelton (GA) - I am installing a Hal Hunt exhaust with slip joints in my O-235 Long-EZ. I would like to know who has come up with a support on the exit end of the pipes and would like to know if it is needed.

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