



Over the years we have been working on, building, or converting cowling fasteners, one of the most annoying parts of the job is removing old grommet retainers for the Camloc 4000 Series. For years, we have recommended using a curved pick tool and cleverly “picking” the snap ring retainer off of the back side of the grommet.

During a recent installation of new stainless fasteners, our cherished curved pick tool broke. That left the right angle pick that is in most pick sets as a backup. By accident, we used a new technique that really works well –

Turn the snap ring (R4G retainer) to expose the split. Place tension on the stud/grommet; use a sharp “snap” motion with the pick tool, basically pulling one end of the snap ring off and over the grommet lip and remove.

Once we discovered the technique, removal of the snap rings was quick and effective (and safe).