Failure to remove engine inlet plugs or flight control locks can result in:

- Loss of engine or control after takeoff
- Destructive oil and cylinder temps
- Low-to-zero oil pressure
- Reduced engine power
- Costly engine overheat damage
- Reduced engine time to overhaul

Using contrasting engine inlet plugs helps ensure safety.

Warning flags and contrasting colours can be effective attention getters on engine inlet plugs and control locks.