

Aeronca Baffle Seal Stapler

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Back in the old days at the Aeronca aircraft factory in Middletown, Ohio engine installations included leather engine baffle seals similar to those shown in the following photo.



The leather baffle seals were stapled to the baffles using industrial steel staples as shown in the photo below to the left.

From time to time the leather baffle seals are treated with leather oil to preserve the softness and flexibility of the seals, as shown on the right.



The following photos are of a Bostitch Type ELT box stapler that Bill Pancake has in his shop. It is used to attach leather baffle seals to engine baffles. Bill purchased the stapler from the son of Aeronca employee who had acquired the stapler following the closing of the Middletown factory.

