

## AIRBORNE FOWLS

In order to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl, scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to test the strength of windscreens by launching dead chickens at the cockpit glass of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle at maximum velocity.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windscreens of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made and a gun was sent to the British engineers.

When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chook hurtled out of the barrel and crashed into the shatter-proof windshield, smashing it to smithereens before blasting through the control console, snapping the engineer's backrest in two and embedding itself in the back wall of the cabin.

The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment along with the designs of the windshield, and begged the US scientists for suggestions.

The reply came back: "Thaw the chicken."