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## **ALERT SERVICE BULLETIN**

**206L-24-189**

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**MODEL AFFECTED:** 206L, 206L-1, 206L-3 and 206L-4

**SUBJECT:** TAIL ROTOR SEGMENTED DRIVESHAFT ASSEMBLY, ONE-TIME INSPECTION OF

**HELICOPTERS AFFECTED:** Serial numbers 45001 through 45153, 46601 through 46617, 45154 through 45790, 51001 through 51612, 52001 through 52496.

**COMPLIANCE:** Within 100 flight hours or 90 days, whichever comes first, following the release date of this bulletin.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

Bell has received reports of looseness of the splined adapters on the tail rotor driveshaft segment assembly. The investigation noted that the retaining nut holding the splined adapter to the driveshaft was found with less than the required torque.

This Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) is being released to require a one-time inspection and re-torque of the splined adapter retaining hardware.

Applicability of this bulletin to any spare part shall be determined prior to its installation on an affected helicopter.

### **APPROVAL:**

The engineering design aspects of this bulletin are Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) approved.

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**MANPOWER:**

Approximately 3.0 man-hours are required to complete this bulletin. This estimate is based on hands-on time and may vary with personnel and facilities available.

**WARRANTY:**

There is no warranty credit applicable for parts or labor associated with this bulletin.

**MATERIAL:**

**Required Material:**

The following material is required for the accomplishment of this bulletin and may be obtained through your Bell Supply Center.

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Qty (Note)</u>
206-040-363-001	Adapter	A/R (1)
206-040-385-101	Shaft Assy	A/R (1)(2)(3)(4)
206-040-932-001	Plate	A/R (1)
NAS9926-4L	Nut	A/R (5)

**NOTES:**

1. Only required following inspection if the part is found beyond the acceptable repair limits of the BHT-206L-CR&O.
2. Usable on 206-040-387-101.
3. Post TB 206L-02-207.
4. Verify configuration as some bonded shafts could have been replaced with riveted shafts as per Technical Bulletin 206L-02-207.
5. Only required if the nut is unserviceable and/or does not meet the minimum tare torque of 3.5 inch-pounds (0.4Nm).

**Consumable Material:**

The following material is required to accomplish this bulletin, but may not require ordering, depending on the operator's consumable material stock levels. This material may be obtained through your Bell Supply Center.

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Qty (Note)</u>	<u>Reference *</u>
2230-10536-00	Torque Seal, Lacquer	A/R (1)	C-049

\* C-XXX numbers refer to the consumables list in the BHT-ALL-SPM, Standard Practices Manual

**NOTES:**

1. Quantity indicated is the format that the product is delivered in. Actual quantity required to accomplish the instructions in this bulletin may be less than what has been delivered.
2. 2230-10536-00 torque seal lacquer (C-049) is color yellow, however other colors are available, at customer's option, as shown in BHT-ALL-SPM Standard Practice Manual, in Chapter 13 under (C-049).

**SPECIAL TOOLS:**

None required.

**WEIGHT AND BALANCE:**

Not affected

**ELECTRICAL LOAD DATA:**

Not affected.

**REFERENCES:**

BHT-206L-Series-IPB Illustrated Parts Breakdown  
BHT-206L-MM Maintenance Manual  
BHT-206L1-MM Maintenance Manual  
BHT-206L3-MM Maintenance Manual  
BHT-206L4-MM Maintenance Manual  
BHT-206L-CR&O Component Repair and Overhaul Manual  
Technical Bulletin 206L-02-207 Riveted Tail Rotor Driveshaft Segment 206-040-385-101 and Riveted Aft Short Shaft 206-040-383-101, Introduction Of

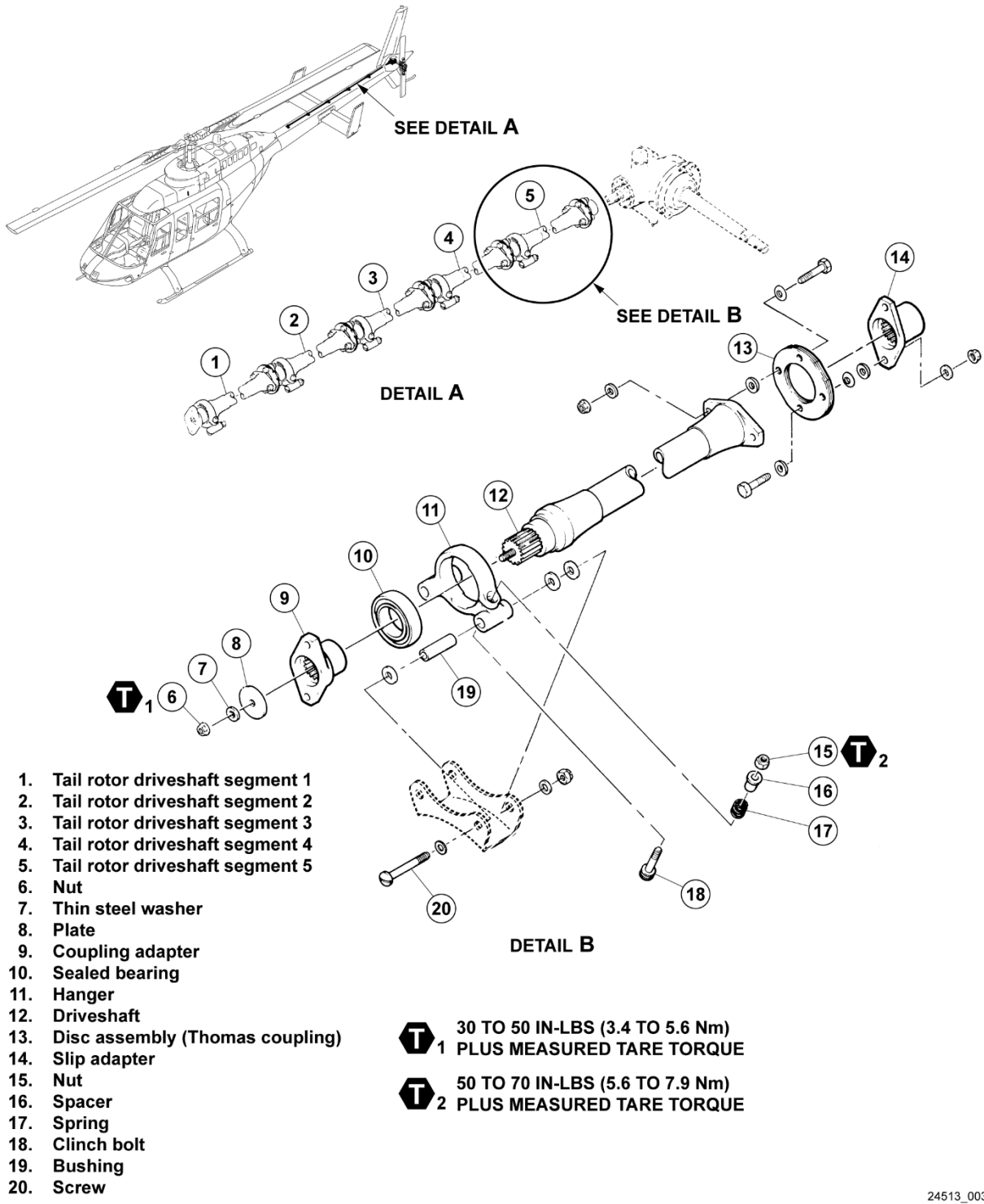
**PUBLICATIONS AFFECTED:**

None affected.

## ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare the helicopter for maintenance.
2. Gain access to the tail rotor shaft segments by removing the aft fairing and the tail rotor driveshaft cover (applicable Maintenance Manual, Chapter 53).
3. Inspect the tail rotor segmented driveshaft assembly splined adapters (9, Figure 1) for any noticeable axial (fore and aft) and radial play between the splined adapter (9) and the driveshaft (12) at all five locations (Figure 1).
  - a. If there is no radial or axial play noted, do the following:
    - (1) Remove the aft short shaft directly aft of the fan shaft and the segmented shaft assemblies (2) and (4). Support the aft end of the segmented shaft (1) and (3) (applicable Maintenance Manual, Chapter 65).
    - (2) Remove any torque seal lacquer (C-249) that may be applied to nut (6) on all five of the tail rotor segmented driveshaft assemblies.
    - (3) Unseat the nut (6) by loosening the nut by  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 turn at each tail rotor segmented driveshaft assemblies.
    - (4) Measure the tare torque of the nut (6) using a dial indicator torque wrench.
      - (a) If the tare torque of the nut meets the minimum 3.5 inch-pounds (0.4 Nm), go to step (3.a.(5)).
      - (b) If the tare torque of the nut is less than 3.5 (0.4 Nm), replace the nut with a serviceable nut and proceed to step (3.a.(4)(a)).
    - (5) Torque the nut (6) 30 to 50 inch-pounds (3.4 to 5.6 Nm) and add the measured tare torque in steps (3.a.(4)) to the specified torque.
    - (6) Apply torque seal lacquer (C-249) across the threads of the stud of the driveshaft (12), the nut (6) and the plate (8). Go to step (4).
  - b. If radial or axial play is noted, perform the following:
    - (1) Remove the aft short shaft directly aft of the fan shaft and the segmented shaft assemblies (2) and (4). Support the aft end of the segmented shaft (1) and (3) (applicable Maintenance Manual, Chapter 65).
    - (2) Disassemble the applicable tail rotor driveshaft segment assembly (BHT-206L-CR&O).

- (a) Inspect the splined adapter (9) and splines of the driveshaft (12). Replace or repair parts if required (BHT-206L-CR&O).
- (3) Assemble the applicable tail rotor driveshaft assembly with serviceable parts (BHT-206L-CR&O).
  - (a) Measure the tare torque of the nut (6) using a dial indicator torque wrench.
    - 1. If the tare torque of the nut meets the minimum value of 3.5 inch-pounds (0.4 Nm), go to step 3.b.(3)(b).
    - 2. If the tare torque of the nut is less than 3.5 inch-pounds (0.4Nm), replace the nut with a serviceable nut and repeat step (3.a(4)).
  - (b) Torque the nut (6) 30 to 50 inch-pounds (3.4 to 5.6 Nm) and add the tare torque measured in step 3.a(4) to the specified torque.
  - (c) Apply torque seal lacquer (C-049) across the threads of the driveshaft stud (12), the nut (6) and the plate (8).
- 4. Install the tail rotor segmented driveshaft assemblies 2 and 4 (applicable Maintenance Manual, Chapter 65).
- 5. Install the aft short shaft (applicable Maintenance Manual, Chapter 65).
- 6. Install the aft fairing, tail rotor driveshaft cover and tail rotor gearbox fairing (applicable Maintenance Manual, Chapter 53) after ground run.
- 7. Make an entry in the helicopter logbook and historical service records indicating compliance with this Alert Service Bulletin.



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**Figure 1 – Tail Rotor Drive System**