

## INFORMATION LETTER

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TO: All owners and operators of Model 204B, 205A1, 205B and 212 helicopters

## SUBJECT: MAIN ROTOR HUB PILLOW BLOCK INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

This information letter is to advise operators of a recent change to the inspection requirements of pillow block 204-011-108-113 and -119. The requirement to perform a dye penetrant inspection every 2400 hours was introduced by Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) in 1992. It has since been determined that fluorescent penetrant inspection (FPI) is the preferred method for this application.

The flag note associated with the pillow block in the Airworthiness Limitation Schedule (ALS) of all respective aircraft models will be changed. The dye penetrant requirement will be replaced by FPI methods. No other changes will be made.

The scheduled main rotor hub overhaul of all aircraft models already instructs maintainers to inspect the pillow block using FPI methods.

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