

Bell Helicopter **TEXTRON**

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INFORMATION LETTER 214ST-06-20

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 214ST Helicopters

**SUBJECT: Single Compressor Customized Air Conditioning Installation,
P/N 214-899-285**

The two compressor drive belts, P/N ES20034-1, used in the single compressor installation have been provided as a “matched pair”. The “matched” term refers primarily to the fact that these belts were intended to be fabricated from the same material lot to minimize any potential in-service stretching differences.

The air conditioning system manufacturer, Keith Products (formerly Parker Hannifin, Airborne Div.) has advised that obtaining belts from the same material lots can no longer be guaranteed and belts will no longer be provided as “matched pairs”. Review of the air conditioning operation parameters by Keith Products indicates this should have little to no impact on system performance.

However, to lessen any potential impact on system performance, P/N ES20034-1 belts should continue to be replaced in pairs.