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TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 222/230/430 Helicopters

SUBJECT: Tail Rotor Blade Identification

Bell Helicopter has been informed that certain operators were no longer performing the repetitive inspections required by ASBs listed below. The reason provided was that a letter R in a circle was noted in the square block of the ID plate. Since the ASB states that tail rotor blades identified with an "R" code in the square block of the ID plate have already been reworked, they concluded that the blades were no longer subject to required inspections.

This Information Letter is issued to clarify the identification method of tail rotor blades after the rework process introduced by ASB 430-04-31Rev B, ASB 230-04-31 Rev A, ASB 222U-04-71Rev A and ASB 222-04-100Rev A.

A) The small letter R in a circle seen on Data plate shown on Figure 1 is the Copyright ® of Bell Helicopter Textron.

B) Following the rework process per Part III of ASBs listed above, each tail rotor blade will be re-identified by a large letter " R " stamped in the square block of the ID plate. Refer to Figures 2 and 3 for details. In addition, each blade history card will be clearly annotated to reflect compliance with reference bulletin.

Only tail rotor blades re-identified with a large letter " R " as shown in Figures 2 and 3 of this letter are exempt from the repetitive inspections.



Original Data plate with the Copyright ® of Bell Helicopter Textron

Figure 1



Original Data plate with R to indicate Rework

Figure 2



New Data plate with R to indicate Rework

Figure 3