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INFORMATION LETTER

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TO: All Owners and Operators of Bell 505 helicopters with the High Skid Gear Kit, P/N 505-708-101 (STC SR11239DS) installed

SUBJECT: Damage to the Skid Tubes P/N 602-041-101 and 602-041-102 due to improper lifting during ground support operations

The purpose of this Information Letter (IL) is to achieve complete distribution to All Owners and Operators of Bell 505 helicopters with the High Skid Gear Kit, P/N 505-708-101 (STC SR11239DS) installed who are registered on the Bell technical publications distribution list.

Bell was made aware of incidents where Skid Tubes P/N 602-041-101 and 602-041-102 were damaged due to improper lifting during ground support operations.

The use of Ground Support Equipment (GSE) that utilizes bracketry that places a larger load on either the forward or aft ground handling eyebolt P/N 505-709-147 is not permitted. The undo stress placed on either eyebolt can lead to failure of the skid tube.

To prevent future occurrences, towing procedures need to be followed as written in the Aeronautical Accessories' Instructions for Continued Airworthiness (ICA) Report number AA-17062 section 10.0.

For helicopters with STC SR11239DS installed damage limits and inspection criteria for the Skid Tubes P/N 602-041-101 and 602-041-102 can be found in the Aeronautical Accessories' Instructions for Continued Airworthiness (ICA) Report number AA-17062 Section 4.2, Table 1, Table 2, and Figure 1.

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