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### **ALERT**



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### **BOLLETTINO TECNICO**

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<sub>N</sub> 109EP-141

DATE February 27, 2015

Compliance with this Bollettino is:

## **MANDATORY**

SUBJECT: TAIL ROTOR PITCH CONTROL LINK ASSY P/N 109-0130-05-117.

**REASON:** Perform an inspection of the subject link assy for excessive friction of the spherical bearing.

#### **HELICOPTERS AFFECTED:**

PART In and PART IIn:

All Agusta A109E helicopters that install the tail rotor pitch control link assy P/N 109-0130-05-117 which have accumulated less than 100 (one hundred) FH since their overhaul and all tail rotor pitch control link assy P/N 109-0130-05-117 which have accumulated less than 100 (one hundred) FH since their overhaul (e.g. spherical bearing replacement) and present in stock.

#### NOTE

If it is not possible to determine if or when the link has been overhauled, the link is affected by this Bollettino Tecnico.

#### **COMPLIANCE:**

PART I1:

Before the next flight.

PART II^:

Within and not later than 5 (five) flight hours from the date of issuance of this Bollettino Tecnico.

An appropriate entry should be made in the aircraft log book upon accomplishment. If ownership of aircraft has changed, please, forward to new owner.

#### NOTE

Tail Rotor Pitch Control links in stock shall perform point 3 of PART II<sup>^</sup> before their installation.

### **DESCRIPTION:**

A case of in-flight seizure of the tail rotor pitch control link assy P/N 109-0130-05-117 has been reported on an A119MkII helicopter.

The incident did not cause harm to the occupants nor damage to the

helicopter.

The most probable cause of the seizure has been identified in an excessive friction of one of the spherical bearings of the link; that spherical bearing was replaced on the link during the overhaul performed few flight hours before by a Maintenance Organization.

The possibility that other overhauled links install spherical bearings with excessive friction cannot be excluded; the speed at which the link fails in such conditions is so to require an action on the in-service fleet to grant the continued airworthiness.

This Bollettino is issued in order to provide the necessary instructions to perform an inspection of the overhauled links P/N 109-0130-05-117, which have accumulated less than 100FH since their overhaul, as follows:

PART I1:

Check the spherical bearings of the links installed on the helicopter for presence of corrosion and freedom of

movement.

PART II^:

Check the torsion value force of the spherical bearings of the links and perform a visual inspection for cracks of the stem by means of a magnifying glass. Perform, if dictated, an inspection of the stem for cracks with the liquid penetrant method.

#### **REQUIRED MANPOWER:**

The following estimated manpower hours are required for compliance with this Bollettino:

PART I1:

Negligible.

PART II^:

1,5 (one and half) hours for each link assy.

#### WARRANTY:

Should the inspection deem that the tail rotor pitch control lever is to be replaced in accordance to the present Bollettino Tecnico, Customer will be eligible to receive replacement part on a "free of charge basis", with the exception of Consumable Materials.

Issue relevant (M)aintenance (M)alfunction (I)nformation (R)eport to your Warranty Administration Dpt., which shall provide the (R)eturn (M)aterial (A)uthorization to return removed part to AgustaWestland, as AW property.

#### **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

PART I^: N. A.

#### PART II1:

The following consumable materials are necessary for the compliance:

**SPECIFICATION** 

**DENOMINATION** 

Q.TY

TT-N-95 type 2

Aliphatic naphtha

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(cod. 531055030)

In case the required inspection gives negative results, the following material are necessary for the compliance:

P/N

DENOMINATION

Q.TY

109-0130-05-117

TR Pitch Control Link Assy

<u>Q.11</u>

#### **SPECIAL TOOLS:**

**Description** 

Part Number

Dynamometer

Local Supply

10x Magnifying Glass

Local Supply

#### **WEIGHT AND BALANCE CHANGES:**

N. A.

#### **REFERENCES:**

A109E Maintenance Manual.

#### **PUBLICATIONS AFFECTED:**

N. A.

### **COMPLIANCE INSTRUCTIONS:**

(See figure 1).

#### PART I1:

- 1. With the links installed on the helicopter, inspect around attaching points of pitch links for evidence of corrosion in accordance with the procedures given in the A109E Maintenance Manual. In case corrosion is found, replace the link with a serviceable one with the same P/N.
- With the links installed on the helicopter, manually verify the links rotation. The links rotation on the spherical bearings have to be possible.
- In case, during the manual verification, a rotation resistance and/or binding has occurred, immediately perform the PART II<sup>^</sup> of this Bollettino.
- Record compliance with PART I<sup>^</sup> of this Bollettino in the helicopter log book.

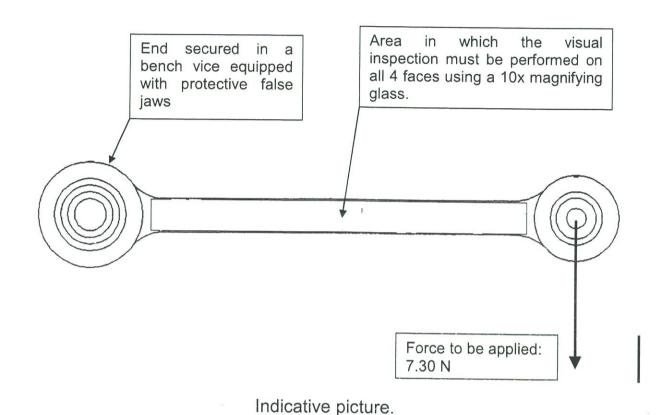
#### PART II^:

- 1. Prepare the helicopter on ground for a safe maintenance, disconnect any power source.
- 2. Remove the links from the helicopters in accordance with the procedures given in the A109E Maintenance Manual.
- 3. Secure the larger spherical bearing of the link in a bench vice equipped with protective false jaws.
- 3.1. At the other end apply a dynamometer on the spherical bearing and perform the check of the torsion value force for the spherical bearing rotation as shown in figure 1.
- 3.2. In the same manner perform the check of the necessary torsion value force for the smaller link spherical bearing rotation as shown in figure 1.
- 3.3. Check that the force torsion value is lower than 7.30 N for both the spherical bearings. In case a force torsion value above the limit is detected, even if in only one of the spherical bearings, it is necessary to replace the link with a serviceable one with the same P/N. Proceed with point 7.
- 3.4. In case both force torsion values are inside the limits at point 3.3., proceed with point 4.
- 4. Carefully clean the link stem using aliphatic naphtha or equivalent with a soft non metallic bristle brush, exercising care to protect the two spherical bearings.
- 5. Perform a visual inspection of the stem for cracks using a 10x magnifying glass (see figure 1 for the affected area).

#### CAUTION

In case of doubt for presence of cracks, it is necessary to perform a liquid penetrant inspection of the affected area as reported in Annex 1.

- 6. If no cracks are found, reinstall the links on the helicopter in accordance with the procedures given in the A109E Maintenance Manual. Otherwise, replace the link with a serviceable one with the same P/N.
- 7. Return the helicopter in a ready to flight condition.
- 8. Record compliance with PART II<sup>^</sup> of this Bollettino in the helicopter log book.



The force value must be verified on both spherical bearings.

### LINK ASSY P/N 109-0130-05-117

### FIGURE 1

