

Our ref. PSE/2021/0044 Date: 1st February 2021

Subject: AW139 – Overhead Panel Inspection – Release of Alert SB139-661

References:

[1] ISE139-023 – AW139 In-Service Event Notification in the Middle East Area

Dear Customer / Operator,

with the present letter Leonardo Helicopters (LH) wishes to provide advanced information on Service Bulletin SB139-661 under release, applicable to all AB/AW139 helicopters.

Following the in-service event, notified with the communication at Reference [1], of emergency landing occurred due to presence of burning smell, smoke and flames in cockpit from the overhead panel area and properly managed by the crew with a safe landing, LH immediately started an investigation with Customer cooperation.

Based on the outcomes of the investigation, the SB139-661 will be issued in order to prescribe a one-off inspection with short compliance of the overhead panel cable harnesses, anchor nuts, screws and supports for conditions and proper installation. The SB also prescribes the application of a protective white tape (AW005ME04T05305 or GSC-21-99605-027) in order to protect the cables and the hardware.

A recurrent inspection is introduced as well, with Part II of the SB139-661, in order to inspect the involved area.

Should you need any additional information, do not hesitate to refer to the point of contact provided with the Customer Support & Training Worldwide Directory, available on the <u>Leonardo Customer Portal</u> or send an e-mail to: <u>engineering.support.lhd@leonardocompany.com</u>.

Yours Sincerely,

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