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AD No.	Information	Manufacturer	Applicability
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Biweekly 2021-01

2020-26-10		Leonardo S.p.a.	A119 and AW119 MKII
2020-26-13		Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation	S-92A
2020-26-14	R 75-16-20	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.	MU-2B, MU-2B-10, MU-2B-15, MU-2B-20, MU-2B-25, MU-2B-26, MU-2B-26A, MU-2B-30, MU-2B-35, MU-2B-36, MU-2B-36A, MU-2B-40, and MU-2B-60

Biweekly 2021-02

2020-26-16		Piper Aircraft, Inc.	PA-28-151, PA-28-161, PA-28-181, PA-28-235, PA-28R-180, PA-28R-200, PA-28R-201, PA-28R-201T, PA-28RT-201, PA-28RT-201T, PA-32-260, PA-32-300, PA-32R-300, PA-32RT-300, and PA-32RT-300T
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Biweekly 2021-03

2021-01-02		M7 Aerospace LLC	SA26-AT and SA26-T
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Biweekly 2021-04

2021-02-20		Hélicoptères Guimbal	Cabri G2
2021-04-04	R 2020-19-02	Airbus Helicopters	SA330J
2021-04-06		Pilatus Aircraft Ltd.	PC-7

Biweekly 2021-05

2020-26-19		Pilatus Aircraft Ltd.	PC-7
2021-01-05		Pilatus Aircraft Ltd.	PC-24
2021-02-03		Leonardo S.p.a.	AW189
2021-02-04		Pilatus Aircraft Ltd.	PC-12/47E
2021-03-01	R 2018-05-09	Airbus Helicopters	AS332C, AS332C1, AS332L, AS332L1, and SA330J
2021-03-04		Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	EC135P1, EC135P2, EC135P2+, EC135P3, EC135T1, EC135T2, EC135T2+, and EC135T3
2021-03-06		Airbus Helicopters	SA-365N, SA-365N1, AS-365N2, AS 365 N3, EC 155B, and EC155B1
2021-03-07		Leonardo S.p.a.	AB139 and AW139
2021-03-13		Bell Textron Canada Limited	429
2021-03-15	R 2020-13-02	Leonardo S.p.a.	A119 and AW119 MKII
2021-03-16		Airbus Helicopters	AS350B, AS350B1, AS350B2, AS350B3, AS350BA, AS350D, AS355E, AS355F, AS355F1, AS355F2, AS355N, and AS355NP
2021-04-03		Pilatus Aircraft Ltd.	PC-24
2021-04-07		Piper Aircraft, Inc.	PA-46-350P; PA-46-500TP; PA-46R-350T
2021-04-08		Airbus Helicopters	AS350B3
2021-05-52	E	Bell Textron Canada Limited	505

Biweekly 2021-06

2021-02-01	R 2015-26-01	Airbus Helicopters	AS332C, AS332C1, AS332L, AS332L1, AS332L2, EC225LP, AS-365N2, AS 365 N3, EC 155B and EC155B1
2021-02-08	R 2018-19-01	Airbus Helicopters	AS-365N2, AS 365 N3, EC 155B, EC155B1, SA-365N, SA-365N1, and SA-366G1
2021-02-09		Airbus Helicopters	EC 155B and EC155B1
2021-02-11		Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	MBB-BK117 A-1, MBB-BK117 A-3, MBB-BK117 A-4, MBB-BK117 B-1, MBB-BK117 B-2, MBB-BK117 C-1, and MBB-BK117 C-2
2021-04-01		Leonardo S.p.a.	AB139 and AW139
2021-04-10		Textron Aviation, Inc.	208 and 208B
2021-04-12		Robinson Helicopter Company	R66
2021-04-13		Airbus Helicopters	AS350B, AS350BA, AS350B1, AS350B2, AS350B3, and AS350D; AS355E, AS355F, AS355F1, AS355F2, AS355N, and AS355NP; EC130 B4 and EC130 T2
2021-04-15		Airbus Helicopters	AS355E, AS355F, AS355F1, AS355F2, AS355N, and AS355NP; AS350B3
2021-04-16		Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation	S-92A
2021-04-17		Airbus Helicopters	AS350B, AS350BA, AS350B1, AS350B2, AS350D, AS355E, AS355F, AS355F1, AS355F2, and AS355N
2021-04-18	R 2020-23-02	Airbus Helicopters	EC225LP

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2021-04-19		Bell Textron Inc.	205B
2021-05-01		Airbus Helicopters	SA330J
2021-05-02		Airbus Helicopters	AS350B, AS350BA, AS350B1, AS350B2, AS350B3, AS350C, and AS350D; AS355E, AS355F, AS355F1, AS355F2, AS355N, and AS355NP; EC130B4 and EC130T2
2021-05-04		Leonardo S.p.a.	A109S and AW109SP
2021-05-05	R 2016-23-05	Airbus Helicopters	SA-365N1, AS-365N2, AS 365 N3, SA-366G1, EC 155B, and EC155B1
2021-05-07		Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	BO-105A, BO-105C, and BO-105S; MBB-BK 117 A-1, MBB-BK 117 A-3, MBB-BK 117 A-4, MBB-BK 117 B-1, MBB-BK 117 B-2, and MBB-BK 117 C-1
2021-05-08		Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A.	Arriel 2C, 2C1, 2S1, and 2S2
2021-05-09	R 2018-15-02	Airbus Helicopters	AS350B, AS350B1, AS350B2, AS350B3, AS350BA, AS355E, AS355F, AS355F1, AS355F2, AS355N, and AS355NP
2021-05-22		Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A.	Arriel 1B, Arriel 1C, Arriel 1C2, and Arriel 1D1; Astazou XIV B and Astazou XIV H
Biweekly 2021-07			
2021-05-06		Airbus Helicopters	AS332C, AS332C1, AS332L, AS332L1, AS332L2, EC 155B, EC155B1, EC225LP, and SA330J
2021-05-13		Leonardo S.p.a.	AW189
2021-05-14		Air Tractor, Inc.	AT-250, AT-300, AT-301, AT-302, AT-400, AT-400A, AT-401, AT-401A, AT-401B, AT402, AT-402A, AT-402B, AT-501, AT-502, AT-502A, AT-502B, AT-503, AT-503A, AT-504, AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A
2021-05-17	R 2019-12-09	Rockwell Collins, Inc.	Flight Display System Application FDSA-6500
2021-06-02		Airbus Helicopters	AS332L, AS332L1, AS332C, and AS332C1
2021-06-06	R 2021-05-52	Bell Textron Canada Limited	505
2021-07-05	R 2007-26-52	Leonardo S.p.a.	A109C, A109E, and A109K2
2021-07-08	R 97-26-02	Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	BO-105A, BO-105C, BO-105S, BO-105LS A-1, and BO-105LS A-3
Biweekly 2021-08			
2021-04-21		Airbus Helicopters	EC120B
2021-05-15	A 2019-09-03	Airbus Helicopters	AS332C, AS332C1, AS332L, and AS332L1
2021-05-19		Sikorsky Aircraft and Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation	S-61L, S-61N, S-61NM, and S-61R; S-61A, S-61D, S-61E, and S-61V
2021-05-21	R 2017-23-08	Leonardo S.p.a.	AB139 and AW139
2021-06-01		Pilatus Aircraft Ltd.	PC-24
2021-06-05	R 2017-07-08	Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	MBB-BK 117 D-2
2021-07-07		Airbus Helicopters	EC 155B and EC155B1
2021-07-12		Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	EC135P1, EC135P2, EC135P2+, EC135P3, EC135T1, EC135T2, EC135T2+, and EC135T3
2021-07-13		Pacific Scientific Company	rotary buckle assembly
2021-07-15	R 82-20-05	Airbus Helicopters	AS350B, AS350B1, AS350B2, AS350B3, AS350BA, AS350C, AS350D, AS350D1, AS355E, AS355F, AS355F1, AS355F2, AS355N, and AS355NP
2021-08-07		Rockwell Collins, Inc.	GPS-4000S
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2021-07-16		Leonardo S.p.a.	AB412
2021-08-06	R 97-06-10	Textron Aviation Inc.	76
2021-08-15		Garmin International	GMN-00962 GTS
2021-08-18	R 2021-04-16	Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation	S-92A
2021-09-02	R 2021-04-07	Piper Aircraft, Inc.	PA-46-350P (Malibu Mirage), PA-46R-350T (Malibu Matrix), and PA-46-500TP (Malibu Meridian)
2021-09-04		Austro Engine GmbH	E4 and E4P
2021-09-07	R 2019-17-02	Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	EC135P1, EC135P2, EC135P2+, EC135P3, EC135T1, EC135T2, EC135T2+, and EC135T3
2021-09-09		Uninsured United Parachute Technologies, LLC	Vector 3 SE

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2021-08-05		Airbus Helicopters	SA341G and SA342J
2021-08-16		PZL Swidnik S.A.	W-3A
2021-08-17		Airbus Helicopters	AS332L2
2021-09-05	R 2016-08-20	Airbus Helicopters	EC130B4 and EC130T2
2021-10-08		Bell Textron Canada Limited	206L, 206L-1, 206L-3, and 206L-4

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2021-08-02		Safran Helicopter Engines, S.A.	Arriel 2D and Arriel 2E
2021-09-14	R 2010-16-51	Airbus Helicopters	SA330J
2021-10-01		Leonardo S.p.a.	AW169
2021-10-03	R 2019-03-12	Airbus Helicopters	EC225LP
2021-10-10		Airbus Helicopters	SA330J
2021-10-14	A 2016-25-14	Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	BO-105A, BO-105C, BO-105S, and BO-105LS A-3
2021-10-24	R 2015-25-04	Leonardo S.p.a.	A109A and A109A II

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2021-10-15		Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	MBB-BK 117 C-2; MBB-BK 117 D-2
2021-10-16		Carson Helicopters, Inc. Croman Corporation	S-61L; SH-3H; S-61A, S-61D, S-61E, and S-61V; CH-3E; SH-3A
2021-10-17		Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Siller Helicopters Mooney International Corporation	M20V
2021-10-18		Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	MBB-BK117 D-2
2021-10-21	R 2019-07-07	Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	BO-105A, BO-105C, BO-105S, BO105LS A-3, MBB-BK 117A-1, MBB-BK 117A-3, MBB-BK 117A-4, MBB-BK 117B-1, MBB-BK 117B-2, MBB-BK 117C-1, MBB-BK 117C-2, and MBB-BK 117D-2
2021-10-23		Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH	MBB-BK 117 D-2
2021-10-25		Airbus Helicopters	EC130B4 and EC130T2



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2021-10-15 Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH: Amendment 39-21548; Docket No. FAA-2020-1171; Product Identifier 2017-SW-124-AD.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 1, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Model MBB-BK 117 C-2 and Model MBB-BK 117 D-2 helicopters, certificated in any category, all manufacturer serial numbers, except the Model MBB-BK117 C-2(e) configuration.

Note 1 to paragraph (c): Model MBB-BK117 C-2 helicopters utilizing a Garmin 500H flight display system are designated by EASA as Model MBB-BK117 C-2e variants of the Model BK 117 C-2 helicopters, and by the FAA as a Model MBB-BK117 C-2(e) configuration.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 2500, Cabin Equipment/Furnishings.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by a determination that a life limit for the adapter forward of the outboard load system, repetitive inspections of other components of that system, and for certain helicopters, a modification of the outboard load system, are necessary to address the unsafe condition. The FAA is issuing this AD to address detachment of an external load or person from the helicopter hoist, which could result in personal injury, or injury to persons on the ground.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Aviation Safety Agency (now European Union Aviation Safety Agency) (EASA) AD 2017-0177, dated September 14, 2017 (EASA AD 2017-0177).

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2017-0177

(1) Where EASA AD 2017-0177 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2017-0177 does not apply to this AD.

(3) Where the service information referenced in EASA AD 2017-0177 specifies contacting the applicable manufacturer of the dedicated equipment for a definition of a cycle and recalculation to hoist cycles, this AD does not require contacting the manufacturer for a definition of a cycle and recalculation to hoist cycles.

(4) Where paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2017-0177 specifies to do “applicable corrective actions,” for this AD, if there are any defective components, replace all defective components with serviceable components in accordance with FAA-approved procedures. For the purposes of this AD, a defect may be indicated by cracking, damage, corrosion, or incorrect installation.

(5) Although the service information referenced in EASA AD 2017-0177 specifies to discard certain parts, this AD requires removing those parts from service instead.

(6) Where the service information referenced in EASA AD 2017-0177 refers to flight hours (FH), this AD requires using hours time-in-service.

(7) Paragraph (9) of EASA AD 2017-0177 does not apply to this AD.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(j) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Kathleen Arrigotti, Program Manager, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone and fax: 206-231-3218; email: kathleen.arrigotti@faa.gov.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2017-0177, dated September 14, 2017.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA AD 2017-0177, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; internet www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this EASA AD on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 817-222-5110. This material may be found in the

AD docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2020-1171.

(5) You may view this material that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued on May 3, 2021.

Lance T. Gant,

Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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2021-10-16 Carson Helicopters, Inc.; Croman Corporation; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation; and Siller Helicopters: Amendment 39-21549; Docket No. FAA-2006-26107; Project Identifier 2004-SW-30-AD.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 1, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all helicopters identified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (6) of this AD, certificated in any category including restricted.

- (1) Carson Helicopters, Inc., Model S-61L helicopters.
- (2) Carson Helicopters, Inc., Model SH-3H helicopters.
- (3) Croman Corporation Model SH-3H helicopters.
- (4) Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S-61A, S-61D, S-61E, and S-61V helicopters.
- (5) Siller Helicopters Model CH-3E helicopters.
- (6) Siller Helicopters Model SH-3A helicopters.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 6310, Engine/Transmission Coupling.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by an accident in which the left and right input freewheel unit (IFWU) assembly on a helicopter slipped or disengaged, resulting in both engines overspeeding, engine shutdowns, and loss of engine power to the transmissions. The FAA is issuing this AD to address slipping of the main gearbox IFWU assembly, loss of engine power, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Creation of History Card or Equivalent and Daily Actions

Within 10 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, do the actions specified in paragraphs (g)(1) and (2) of this AD.

(1) Create an external lift component history card or equivalent record for each IFWU assembly, part number (P/N) 61074-35000-041 through 61074-35000-063 inclusive.

(2) Count and, at the end of each day's operations, record the number of external lift cycles (lift cycles) performed and the hours TIS for each IFWU assembly, P/N 61074-35000-041 through 61074-35000-063 inclusive. A "lift cycle" is defined as the lifting of an external load and subsequent release of the load. Record the lift cycles and hours TIS on the external lift component history card or equivalent record.

(h) Determination of IFWU Assembly Type and Calculations

(1) Upon reaching 250 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD on each IFWU assembly, P/N 61074-35000-041 through 61074-35000-063 inclusive, determine whether the IFWU assembly is a repetitive external lift (REL) or non-REL IFWU assembly by using a 250-hour TIS moving average. To perform the calculation, divide the total number of lift cycles performed during the first 250 hours TIS by 250. The result will be the first moving average calculation of lift cycles per hour TIS.

(i) If the calculation specified in paragraph (h)(1) of this AD results in more than 6 lift cycles per hour TIS, the IFWU assembly is an REL IFWU assembly.

(ii) If the calculation specified in paragraph (h)(1) of this AD results in 6 or less lift cycles per hour TIS, the IFWU assembly is a Non-REL IFWU assembly.

(2) For each IFWU assembly determined to be a Non-REL IFWU assembly based on the first calculation of the 250-hour TIS moving average for lift cycles specified in paragraph (h)(1) of this AD: Within 50 hours TIS after the determination, and thereafter at intervals of 50 hours TIS, recalculate the average lift cycles per hour TIS to determine whether the IFWU assembly is an REL or non-REL IFWU assembly. To perform the calculation, subtract the total number of lift cycles performed during the first 50-hour TIS interval used in the previous moving average calculation from the total number of lift cycles performed on the IFWU assembly during the previous 300 hours TIS. Divide this result by 250. The result will be the next or subsequent moving average calculation of lift cycles per hour TIS.

(i) If any calculation specified in paragraph (h)(2) of this AD results in more than 6 lift cycles per hour TIS, the IFWU assembly is an REL IFWU assembly.

(ii) If any calculation specified in paragraph (h)(2) of this AD results in 6 or less lift cycles per hour TIS, the IFWU assembly is a Non-REL IFWU assembly.

Note 1 to paragraph (h)(2): Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation All Operators Letter (AOL) CCS-61-AOL-04-0005, dated May 18, 2004, provides an example and additional information about tracking cycles and the moving average procedure.

Note 2 to paragraph (h)(2): The following is a sample calculation for subsequent 50 hour TIS intervals. Assume the total number of lift cycles for the first 50 hour TIS interval used in the previous moving average calculation = 450 lift cycles and the total number of lift cycles for the previous 300 hours TIS = 2,700 lift cycles. The subsequent moving average of lift cycles per hour TIS = $(2,700 - 450) \div 250 = 9$ lift cycles per hour TIS.

(3) Once an IFWU assembly is determined to be an REL IFWU assembly, it remains an REL IFWU assembly for the rest of its service life and is subject to the inspection for REL IFWU assemblies required by paragraph (i) of this AD.

(4) Once an IFWU assembly is determined to be an REL IFWU assembly, you no longer need to perform the 250-hour TIS moving average calculation required by paragraph (h)(2) of this AD, but you must continue to count and record the lift cycles as required by paragraph (g)(2) of this AD.

(i) Repetitive Inspections of REL IFWU Assemblies and Replacement

For each REL IFWU assembly, as determined by paragraph (h)(1) or (2) of this AD:

(1) Within 500 hours TIS or 7,500 lift cycles, whichever occurs first since the assembly was determined to be a REL IFWU assembly, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 500 hours TIS or 7,500 lift cycles, whichever occurs first, inspect for wear, surface distress, and endplay by following paragraphs B.(1) through B.(6) of the Accomplishment Instructions of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Alert Service Bulletin 61B35-67B, Revision B, dated August 11, 2003. Record all the information specified in Figures 1 through 3 of the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Alert Service Bulletin 61B35-67B, Revision B, dated August 11, 2003. You may record this information on any suitable maintenance record, or you may use the Sikorsky evaluation forms provided in Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Alert Service Bulletin 61B35-67B, Revision B, dated August 11, 2003. This AD does not require you to contact Sikorsky or provide information to Sikorsky.

(2) If during any inspection required by paragraph (i)(1) of this AD, any IFWU assembly part is found whose average wear, wear marks, surface distress, or endplay exceeds the limits specified in paragraphs B.(1) through B.(6) of the Accomplishment Instructions of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Alert Service Bulletin 61B35-67B, Revision B, dated August 11, 2003, before further flight, replace the affected part with an airworthy IFWU assembly part.

Note 3 to paragraph (i)(2): Sikorsky Aircraft S-61L/N Overhaul Manual, SA4045-83, Revision 20, dated August 15, 2003, as revised by Temporary Revisions 65-193, -194, -195, and -196, contains the overhaul procedures for the IFWU assembly.

(j) Part Marking

For each REL IFWU assembly, as determined by paragraph (h)(1) or (2) of this AD: Before further flight after the assembly was determined to be an REL IFWU assembly, permanently mark IFWU camshafts, P/N 61350-24052, 61350-24072, S6135-20611, S6135-20614 and S6137-23075, and IFWU gear housings, P/N 61350-24051, 61350-24068, S6135-20695, and S6137-23057, with the letters "REL". Mark the camshafts by applying etching ink on the surface of the part that is 0.5-inch square with the depth of the letters not to exceed 0.001 inch. Before further flight and after etching, neutralize the etched surface and oil to prevent corrosion.

(k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(l) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Isabel Saltzman, Aviation Safety Engineer, Boston ACO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; telephone 781-238-7649; email Isabel.L.Saltzman@faa.gov

(2) Service information identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the addresses specified in paragraphs (m)(3) and (4) of this AD.

(m) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Alert Service Bulletin 61B35-67B, Revision B, dated August 11, 2003.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact your local Sikorsky Field Representative or Sikorsky's Service Engineering Group at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, 124 Quarry Road, Trumbull, CT 06611; telephone 1-800-Winged-S; email wcs_cust_service_eng_gr-sik@lmco.com. Operators may also log on to the Sikorsky 360 website at <https://www.sikorsky360.com>.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 817-222-5110.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email: fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to: <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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2021-10-17 Mooney International Corporation: Amendment 39-21550; Docket No. FAA-2021-0223; Project Identifier AD-2020-00539-A.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 7, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Mooney International Corporation Model M20V airplanes, serial numbers 33-0001 through 33-0018, certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component Code 2400, Electrical Power System.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of short circuit and arcing of the alternator main power cable in the engine compartment. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent arcing of the alternator main power cable in the engine compartment. This condition, if not addressed, could result in an inflight fire and loss of engine thrust control, which may lead to reduced control of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD before further flight after the effective date of this AD, unless already done.

(g) Required Actions

(1) Inspect the alternator main power cable and the exhaust crossover tube for burn marks, chafing, holes, and cracks, and replace any cable and crossover tube that has a burn mark, chafing, a hole, or a crack.

(2) Install an additional alternator cable clamp part number MS21919WCJ6 and ensure correct routing of the alternator main power cable by following steps 1.5. through 1.9. of the Instructions in Mooney International Corporation Service Bulletin M20-340C, dated February 14, 2020.

(h) Special Flight Permit

A special flight permit may be issued with the following limitations:

- (1) Flights must not carry passengers;
- (2) Operation in daytime visual meteorological conditions only;
- (3) Straight and level flight must be maintained;
- (4) Operation in areas of known turbulence prohibited; and
- (5) Altitude limited to 9,000 ft. above sea level.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Fort Worth ACO Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in Related Information.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(j) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Jacob Fitch, Aviation Safety Engineer, Fort Worth ACO Branch, FAA, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Fort Worth, TX 76177; phone: (817) 222-4130; fax: (817) 222-5245; email: jacob.fitch@faa.gov.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Mooney International Corporation Service Bulletin M20-340C, dated February 14, 2020.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Mooney International Corporation service information identified in this AD, contact Mooney International Corporation, 165 Al Mooney Road, North Kerrville, TX 78028; phone: (800) 456-3033; email: support@mooney.com.

(4) You may view this service information at FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 901 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (816) 329-4148.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email: fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to: <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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Lance T. Gant,

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2021-10-18 Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH: Amendment 39-1551; Docket No. FAA-2021-0104; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-00477-R.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 6, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Model MBB-BK117 D-2 helicopters, certificated in any category, all serial numbers, having an affected part defined in European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2020-0084, dated April 3, 2020 (EASA AD 2020-0084).

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 2700, Flight Control System.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by reports that collective lever switch units having certain part numbers did not have retaining rings installed in the cable cut switch guard. The cable cut switch guard has an axis that holds, and allows the guard to turn over, the cable cut switch. This axis is secured with two retaining rings and if both retaining rings are missing, the axis can move out. The FAA is issuing this AD to address this condition, which could cause inadvertent activation of the rescue hoist cable cut function, resulting in personal injury.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Requirements

Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2020-0084.

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2020-0084

- (1) Where EASA AD 2020-0084 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.
- (2) The "Remarks" section of EASA AD 2020-0084 does not apply to this AD.

(i) Special Flight Permit

Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199 to operate the helicopter to a location where the helicopter can be modified (if the operator elects to do so), provided the helicopter is not used for hoist operations.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(k) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Hal Jensen, Aerospace Engineer, Operational Safety Branch, FAA, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024; telephone 202-267-9167; email hal.jensen@faa.gov.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2020-0084, dated April 3, 2020.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA AD 2020-0084, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; internet www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this EASA AD on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 817-222-5110. This material may be found in the AD docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2021-0104.

(5) You may view this material that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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Lance T. Gant,

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2021-10-21 Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH: Amendment 39-21554; Docket No. FAA-2021-0135; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-01044-R.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 7, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2019-07-07, Amendment 39-19618 (84 FR 16394, April 19, 2019) (2019-07-07).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Model BO-105A, BO-105C, BO-105S, BO105LS A-3, MBB-BK 117A-1, MBB-BK 117A-3, MBB-BK 117A-4, MBB-BK 117B-1, MBB-BK 117B-2, MBB-BK 117C-1, MBB-BK 117C-2, and MBB-BK 117D-2 helicopters, certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft Service Component (JASC) Code: 6200, Main Rotor System.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a lower clamp found missing from the swashplate bellows (bellows) and damaging the swashplate bearing ring before becoming detached. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent a loose bellows clamp. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in loss of the bellows, contact of the bellows with the main rotor blades, main rotor mast, and tail rotor, and subsequent loss of helicopter control.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Required Actions

(1) Within 50 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD:

(i) Remove from service bellows part number (P/N) 105-10113.05, P/N 4638305043, P/N 4619305044, or P/N B623M20X2240 from the swashplate assembly (swashplate).

(ii) Clean and inspect the support tube for scratches as depicted in Detail 11, Figure 6 of Airbus Helicopters Alert Service Bulletin ASB (ASB) BO105-40A-107 (ASB BO105-40A-107); or Detail 11, Figure 5 of ASB BO105 LS-40A-12 (ASB BO105 LS 40A-12); or Detail 11, Figure 5 of ASB MBB-BK117-40A-115, (ASB MBB-BK117-40A-115); or Detail 11, Figure 5 of ASB MBB-BK117

C-2-62A-007 (ASB MBB-BK117 C-2-62A-007), each Revision 5 and dated July 25, 2017; or Detail 11, Figure 5 of ASB MBB-BK117 D-2-62A-003, Revision 3, dated July 25, 2017 (ASB MBB-BK117 D-2-62A-003); as applicable to your model helicopter. If there are scratches on the support tube, before further flight, rework the cylindrical area to a max depth of 0.1 mm with a polishing cloth #400 or equivalent polishing cloth. The reworked area must not exceed 10 mm in width or 3 cm² in area, the minimum separation between any adjacent reworked areas must be 30 mm, and total reworked areas must not exceed 10 percent of the cylindrical area.

(iii) Inspect the clamp for corrosion and correct installation.

Note 1 to paragraph (g)(1)(iii): A figure of the clamp is depicted in Detail 9, Figure 6 of ASB BO105-40A-107; or Detail 9, Figure 5 of ASB BO105 LS-40A-12, ASB MBB-BK117-40A-115, or ASB MBB-BK117 C-2-62A-007; or Detail 9, Figure 5 of ASB MBB-BK117 D-2-62A-003; as applicable to your model helicopter.

(A) If there is corrosion on the clamp, before further flight remove the clamp from service.

(B) If the clamp is incorrectly installed, before further flight install the clamp correctly on the shield as depicted in Detail 10, Figure 6 of ASB BO105-40A-107; or Detail 10, Figure 5 of ASB BO105 LS-40A-12, ASB MBB-BK117-40A-115, or ASB MBB-BK117 C-2-62A-007; or Detail 10, Figure 5 of ASB MBB-BK117 D-2-62A-003; as applicable to your model helicopter.

(C) Apply a torque between 0.5 Nm and 0.7 Nm to the screw and install lockwire as depicted in Detail 8, Figure 6 of ASB BO105-40A-107; or Detail 8, Figure 5 of ASB BO105 LS-40A-12, ASB MBB-BK117-40A-115, or ASB MBB-BK117 C-2-62A-007; or Detail 8, Figure 5 of ASB MBB-BK117 D-2-62A-003; as applicable to your model helicopter.

(iv) Inspect each ball bearing for corrosion. If there is corrosion on any ball bearing, before further flight, remove the ball bearing from service.

(v) Inspect the area under the deflection ring for foreign objects by removing the lock wire, removing the screws, and removing the outer deflection ring. If there are any foreign objects, remove the foreign objects with a lint-free cloth.

(2) Within 400 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD, after complying with the actions in paragraph (g)(1) of this AD, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 400 hours TIS, inspect the swashplate by following the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 3.B.4 of ASB BO105-40A-107; or paragraph 3.B.3 of ASB BO105 LS-40A-12, ASB MBB-BK117-40A-115, ASB MBB-BK117 C-2-62A-007, or ASB MBB-BK117 D-2-62A-003; as applicable to your model helicopter.

(3) After May 24, 2019 (the effective date of AD 2019-07-07), do not install a bellows P/N 105-10113.05, P/N 4619305044, or P/N 4638305043, or a gearbox with a bellows P/N 105-10113.05, P/N 4619305044, or P/N 4638305043 on any helicopter.

(4) As of the effective date of this AD, do not install a bellows P/N B623M20X2240 on any helicopter.

(h) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (i)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(i) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Matt Fuller, AD Program Manager, Operational Safety Branch, Airworthiness Products Section, General Aviation & Rotorcraft Unit, FAA, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5110; email 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) The subject of this AD is addressed in European Aviation Safety Agency (now European Union Aviation Safety Agency) (EASA) AD 2016-0142R1, dated April 12, 2018. You may view the EASA AD on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FAA-2021-0135.

(j) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Airbus Helicopters Alert Service Bulletin ASB (ASB) BO105-40A-107, Revision 5, dated July 25, 2017.

(ii) Airbus Helicopters ASB BO105 LS-40A-12, Revision 5, dated July 25, 2017.

(iii) Airbus Helicopters ASB MBB-BK117-40A-115, Revision 5, dated July 25, 2017.

(iv) Airbus Helicopters ASB MBB-BK117 C-2-62A-007, Revision 5, dated July 25, 2017.

(v) Airbus Helicopters ASB MBB-BK117 D-2-62A-003, Revision 3, dated July 25, 2017.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus Helicopters, 2701 N Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, TX 75052; telephone (972) 641-0000 or (800) 232-0323; fax (972) 641-3775; or at <https://www.airbus.com/helicopters/services/technical-support.html>.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to: <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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2021-10-23 Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (AHD): Amendment 39-21556; Docket No. FAA-2021-0126; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-00266-R.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 6, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (AHD) Model MBB-BK 117 D-2 helicopters, certificated in any category, with a Titanium (Ti) bolt part number EN3740-060022F marked with manufacturer monogram “D” or with an illegible manufacturer monogram, installed on the aft connection of the tail rotor ball bearing control.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft Service Component (JASC) Codes: 1430, Fasteners; and 6720, Tail Rotor Control System.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a Ti-bolt with hydrogen embrittlement. This condition could result in failure of the tail rotor ball bearing control Ti-bolt and subsequent loss of tail rotor control.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Required Actions

(1) Within 50 hours time-in-service or 3 months, whichever occurs first, remove any Ti-bolt identified in paragraph (c) of this AD, located on the aft connection of the tail rotor ball bearing rod end (item 5) and at the input lever (item 2) as shown in Figure 1 to Airbus Helicopters Alert Service Bulletin No. ASB MBB-BK117 D-2-00A-001, Revision 1, dated October 16, 2019, from service.

(2) As of the effective date of this AD, do not install a Ti-bolt identified in paragraph (c) of this AD on the aft connection of the tail rotor ball bearing control of any helicopter.

(h) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (i)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(i) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Matt Fuller, AD Program Manager, General Aviation & Rotorcraft Unit, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, FAA, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Fort Worth, TX 76177; telephone (817) 222-5110; email matthew.fuller@faa.gov.

(2) The subject of this AD is addressed in European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2019-0258, dated October 18, 2019. You may view the EASA AD at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FAA-2021-0126.

(j) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Airbus Helicopters Alert Service Bulletin No. ASB MBB-BK117 D-2-00A-001, Revision 1, dated October 16, 2019.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus Helicopters, 2701 N Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, TX 75052; telephone (972) 641-0000 or (800) 232-0323; fax (972) 641-3775; or at <https://www.airbus.com/helicopters/services/technical-support.html>.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email: fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to: <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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2021-10-25 Airbus Helicopters: Amendment 39-21558; Docket No. FAA-2021-0145; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-01212-R.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective July 6, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Airbus Helicopters Model EC130B4 and EC130T2 helicopters, certificated in any category, with a tail rotor blade (TRB), obtained by forging, part number 350A33-3002-02, 350A33-3002-03, 350A33-3002-04, or 350A33-3002-05 installed.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 6410, Tail rotor blades.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by a report of cracks and geometrical non-conformities of the TRBs; all cracks initiated in the drain hole area at the blade root section. The FAA is issuing this AD to address geometrical non-conformities of the TRBs, which could lead to crack initiation and consequent blade failure, and possible loss of control of the helicopter.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2020-0187, dated August 21, 2020 (EASA AD 2020-0187).

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2020-0187

(1) Where EASA AD 2020-0187 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2020-0187 does not apply to this AD.

(3) Although the service information referenced in EASA AD 2020-0187 specifies to discard certain parts, this AD does not include that requirement.

(4) Although the service information referenced in EASA AD 2020-0187 specifies to return certain parts, this AD does not include that requirement.

(5) Where EASA AD 2020-0187 refers to flight hours (FH), this AD requires using hours time-in-service.

(6) Where the service information referenced in EASA AD 2020-0187 specifies to “contact customer support,” this AD does not include that requirement.

(7) Where the service information referenced in EASA AD 2020-0187 specifies to measure using the Smartphone application, the PowerPoint method, or “Contacting customer support with a specific procedure,” those methods of measurement are not required by this AD.

(i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the service information referenced in EASA AD 2020-0187 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

(j) Special Flight Permit

Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199 to operate the helicopter to a location where the helicopter can be modified (if the operator elects to do so), provided that the helicopter is operated under visual flight rules.

(k) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(l) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Hal Jensen, Aerospace Engineer, Operational Safety Branch, FAA, 950 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20024; phone: 202-267-9167; email: hal.jensen@faa.gov.

(m) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2020-0187, dated August 21, 2020.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA AD 2020-0187, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; phone: +49 221 8999 000; email: ADs@easa.europa.eu; internet: www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this EASA AD on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>.

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 817-222-5110. This material may be found in the AD docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2021-0145.

(5) You may view this material that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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