

OPERATIONS SAFETY NOTICE

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TO: All Owners/Operators of 206A/B, 206L and 407 Helicopters

SUBJECT: 206-001-397-XXX CYCLIC SUPPORT ASSEMBLY; MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF.

This Operation Safety Notice is issued to emphasize the importance of using the correct procedure while removing or installing parts on helicopters. Based on recent reports where cracks were found on Cyclic Pivot Support (all made from 206-001-360 casting), Bell Helicopter would like to remind owners/operators to pay particular attention to the note written in the applicable section of the maintenance manual specifying “not to use a screwdriver or wedge of any type to spread the slot in the pivot support to aid in the installation/removal of the split friction bearing. Spreading the slot results in excessive stress in relief hole of the slot which could cause overload cracks.” Supports exhibiting cracks are determined unserviceable.

