

# TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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**MODEL AFFECTED:** 204B

**SUBJECT:** ELEVATOR ASSY AND ELEVATOR HORN ASSY,  
INCREASE IN RETIREMENT LIFE OF

**HELICOPTERS AFFECTED:** All model 204B helicopters

**COMPLIANCE:** At customer's option

**DESCRIPTION:**

A review of the service history and fatigue evaluation data for elevator assemblies (P/N 204-030-858-043, -044 and subsequent dash numbers) and elevator horn assemblies (P/N 204-001-937-005, -101) has provided justification for an increase in the retirement life. The previous life of 3,000 hours is now increased to 5,000 hours.

**APPROVAL:**

The engineering design aspects of this bulletin are FAA/DER approved.

**MANPOWER:**

None required

**MATERIAL:**

None required

**SPECIAL TOOLS:**

None required

**WEIGHT AND BALANCE:**

Not affected

**ELECTRICAL LOAD DATA:**

Not affected

**REFERENCES:**

None

**PUBLICATIONS AFFECTED:**

204B Maintenance & Overhaul Instructions Manual, Section 1

**ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

Mandatory retirement life of the elevator assemblies (P/N 204-030-858-043, -044 and subsequent dash numbers) and elevator horn assemblies (P/N 204-001-937-005 & -101) has been increased to 5,000 hours. Annotate historical service records and make appropriate changes to the maintenance manual, section 1 to indicate the revised life for the affected parts.