

OPERATION SAFETY NOTICE

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TO: All Owners/Operators of Model 205A-1, 205B, 212, 412/412EP, and 412CF helicopters.

SUBJECT: TAIL ROTOR CONTROL TUBE 212-001-055-101 FOUND CRACKED.

Bell Helicopter is currently investigating a tail rotor flight control tube 212-001-055-101 found cracked during the scheduled inspection. The circumferential fracture was located at approximately 20 inches (50.8 cm) from the clevis bolt holes at the lower end of the tube.

The purpose of this OSN is to emphasize the importance of performing the scheduled inspections as recommended by the applicable Maintenance Manual. Thorough visual inspection of flight control tubes, bellcranks, and associated bearings is critical. During inspections, ensure smooth operation of tail rotor controls through full travel range and that no binding is present.

Bell Helicopter continues to investigate this situation and will inform Owners/Operators of any new development as soon as the information is available.



For any questions regarding this letter and if any abnormality is found during tube inspection, please contact:

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