



INFORMATION LETTER

206L-15-100

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TO: All owners and operators of Model 206L-1, 206L-3 and 206L-4 helicopters

SUBJECT: ENGINE FOREIGN OBJECT DAMAGE (FOD), PREVENTION OF

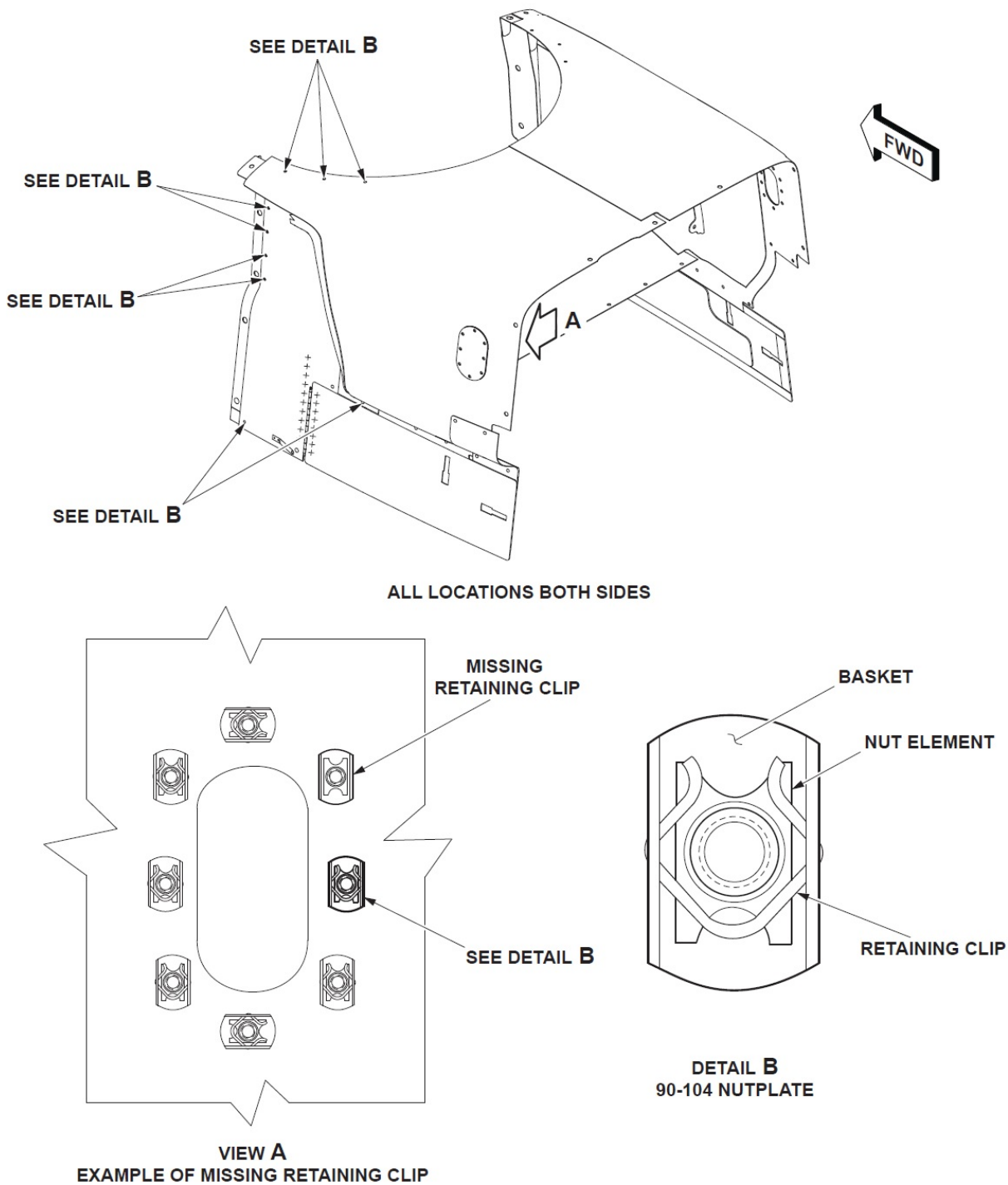
Bell Helicopter has recently introduced carbon fiber inlet cowlings 407-064-004-101 / -103 on production aircraft (206L-4, S/N 52454 and subsequent). This new cowling is also available for spares replacement for all 206L-1, L-3, and L-4.

The cowlings are configured with **90-104Cxx-x** nutplates that are bonded on the inner surface. This type of nutplate is designed with a replaceable nut element that is held in place by a retaining clip. The purpose of this revision is to highlight additional locations on the cowling where this type of nutplate is used in addition to the inspection windows (Figure 1, Detail B). All locations are on both sides of the cowling.

Bell Helicopter encourages maintainers to carefully inspect the nutplates for integrity when removing/reinstalling the inspection window, snow deflector, and/or the inlet cowling itself. This practice may prevent a broken nutplate causing FOD to the engine.

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Figure 1 - Nutplate Locations and Retaining Clip Detail