

ALERT SERVICE BULLETIN

Bell Helicopter **TEXTRON**
A Subsidiary of Textron Inc.

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MODEL AFFECTED: Model 204B

SUBJECT: Pillow Block P/N 204-011-108-113, Tube Assembly P/N 212-010-404-005, Strap Fitting P/N 204-012-102-009, Inspection and Recall of Specific Serial Number Part

HELICOPTERS AFFECTED: All Model 204B helicopters S/Ns 2001 thru 2070 & 2196 thru 2199, 3001 and 3002

COMPLIANCE: Upon receipt of this bulletin, perform a search of all existing spares stock, helicopter records, and physically inspect the aircraft to identify suspect part numbers (refer to Accomplishment Instructions).

Remove parts already in service, within the next 25 hours but not later than August 31, 2001.

DESCRIPTION:

Bell Helicopter has investigated the result of an internal audit and found that there is a potential of parts having been distributed to the field that may not meet our internal Bell Helicopter data recording requirements. In the interest of minimizing any concerns it is necessary to recall the above parts. Although Bell Helicopter believes this to be a documentation problem, this is the prudent action to take. Bell Helicopter has issued this bulletin requiring the inspection of aircraft and spares stock for the serialized part numbers indicated.

APPROVAL:

Not applicable

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MANPOWER:

Approximately two (2) man-hours are required to accomplish this inspection; man-hours are based on "hands-on" time. Elapsed time to accomplish this task may vary according to the manpower and facilities available.

WARRANTY:

The owners/operators of 204B Helicopters who identify the discrepant parts and comply with the instructions outlined in this bulletin will receive a special 100% warranty credit for the replacement parts contained in the "Required Material" section of this bulletin.

To receive this credit:

- Purchase the required part from an approved BHTI supply source.
- Comply with the instructions contained in this bulletin no later than August 31, 2001.
- Submit a completed malfunction report to BHTI Warranty no later than 30 days after completion of this bulletin.

****NOTE**** Customers who fail to comply with the instruction in this bulletin after August 31, 2001 are not eligible for the special warranty credit provisions listed above.

MATERIAL:

Required Material:

The following material may be required for the accomplishment of this bulletin only if suspect parts are found and may be obtained through your Bell Helicopter Textron Supply Center.

| <u>Part Number</u> | <u>Nomenclature</u> | <u>Quantity</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 204-011-108-113 | Pillow Block | 1 |
| 212-010-404-005 | Tube Assembly | 1 |
| 204-012-102-009 | Strap Fitting | 1 |

Consumable Material:

See Applicable Manual

SPECIAL TOOLS:

Not Required

WEIGHT AND BALANCE:

Not affected

ELECTRICAL LOAD DATA:

Not affected

REFERENCES:

BHT-204-IPB
BHT-204B-M&O
BHT-ALL-SPM

PUBLICATIONS AFFECTED:

None affected

ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Upon receipt of this Bulletin check your stock, helicopter records and physically inspect the aircraft to identify suspect part and serial numbers listed below.
2. Within the next 25 hours, replace affected parts and serial numbers listed in accordance with applicable Manuals.

The following parts are suspected:

| <u>Part Number</u> | <u>Nomenclature</u> | <u>Serial Number</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 204-011-108-113 | Pillow Block | A-569 |
| 212-010-404-005 | Tube Assembly | AFS-7094 |
| 204-012-102-009 | Strap Fitting | A-5581 |

3. Only those part and serial number items listed are affected. A part with a serial number that is close to, or has a serial number prefix that is different from the ones

listed is not affected and does not require removal from service. Non-serialized parts are not affected.

4. Return affected parts with a completed Discrepancy Malfunction Report to

Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.
Attention: Customer Property Return
3000 S. Norwood and Trinity Blvd.
Fort Worth, Texas 76053

5. Annotate aircraft records to indicate compliance with this bulletin