

ALERT SERVICE BULLETIN

REVISION NOTICE

Bell Helicopter **TEXTRON**

A Subsidiary of Textron Inc.

DATE March 15, 2006

TO: **All Owners/Operators of Bell 230 Helicopters**

SUBJECT: **REVISION B TO ALERT SERVICE BULLETIN 230-04-32: TAIL ROTOR
COUNTERWEIGHT BELLCRANK P/N 222-012-727-105, INSPECTION AND RECALL
OF**

Revision "B" to this bulletin is issued to extend the compliance date from March 31, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

AN APPROPRIATE ENTRY SHOULD BE MADE IN THE AIRCRAFT LOGBOOK UPON ACCOMPLISHMENT
IF OWNERSHIP OF AIRCRAFT HAS CHANGED PLEASE FORWARD TO NEW OWNER

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MODEL AFFECTED: 230

SUBJECT: TAIL ROTOR COUNTERWEIGHT BELLCRANK
P/N 222-012-727-105, INSPECTION AND RECALL
OF

HELICOPTERS AFFECTED: Model 230 helicopters serial number 23001
through 23038

COMPLIANCE: **PART I:** Within 10 flight hours following the receipt
of this bulletin and each 50 hour of operation
thereafter.

PART II: As soon as possible following receipt of
this bulletin but no later than December 31, 2006.

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DESCRIPTION:

Bell Helicopter released ASB 230-04-30 on August 09, 2004, advising customers to remove from service tail rotor counterweight bellcrank P/N 222-012-727-003.

Reports have been received of replacement parts P/N 222-012-727-105 having oversize bearing bore as well as incorrectly applied cadmium plating.

Part I of this bulletin introduced a repetitive 50 hour inspection of all installed 222-012-727-105 bellcranks identified with no prefix letters before the serial number. This inspection requirement is/will be valid until all bellcranks 222-012-727-105 without prefix letters before the serial number are removed from service.

Part II of this bulletin recalls all counterweight bellcranks 222-012-727-105 without prefix letters before the serial number.

Installation of bellcranks 222-012-727-105 with two (2) prefix letters scribed on the part before the serial number cancels the 50 hour inspection requirement per PART I of this bulletin.

APPROVAL:

The engineering design aspects of this bulletin are Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) approved.

MANPOWER:

Approximately 1.0 man-hour is required to complete Part I of this bulletin.
Approximately 2.0 man-hours are required to complete Part II of this bulletin.
Man-hours are based on hands-on time, and may vary with personnel and facilities available.

WARRANTY:

Refer to Alert Service Bulletin 230-04-30

MATERIAL:

Part I: None required

Part II: Refer to ASB 230-04-30 for Material required.

Consumable Material:

None required

SPECIAL TOOLS:

None required

WEIGHT AND BALANCE:

Not Affected

ELECTRICAL LOAD DATA:

Not affected

REFERENCES:

BHT-230-MM-7, Chapter 64
BHT-230-CR&O-3, Chapter 64
Alert Service Bulletin 230-04-30
Information Letter 230-03-08 Tail Rotor Counterweight Bellcrank
Information Letter 230-04-10 Rev. A Tail Rotor Counterweight Bellcrank

PUBLICATIONS AFFECTED:

None affected

ACCOMPLISHMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

PART I: INSPECTION OF TAIL ROTOR COUNTERWEIGHT BELLCRANK P/N 222-012-727-105

-NOTE-

This inspection is required for all 222-012-727-105 bellcranks with no prefix letters before the serial number. Refer to Information letter 230-04-10 Rev. A for additional details.

Accomplish the inspection of 222-012-727-105 bellcrank as follows:

1. Disconnect tail rotor counterweight link 222-012-711-107 from support 222-012-730-003. Refer to BHT-230-CR&O-3, Chapter 64.
2. Check counterweight bellcrank installation for looseness and bearing roughness by rotating the bellcrank while applying a load to the bearing set P/N 222-312-718-001 in both axial and radial directions. Bearing axial play should not exceed 0.015 inch. Refer to BHT-230-CR&O-3. No looseness allowed between bearing set and bellcrank. Replace parts as required.
3. Reconnect the tail rotor counterweight link 222-012-711-107 to support 222-012-730-003. Refer to BHT-230-CR&O-3, Chapter 64.
4. Annotate aircraft records to reflect compliance with Part I of this bulletin.

PART II: RECALL OF TAIL ROTOR COUNTERWEIGHT BELLCRANK P/N 222-012-727-105

All counterweight bellcranks 222-012-727-105 without prefix letters before the serial number must be removed from service.

1. Remove existing bellcranks P/N 222-012-727-105 without prefix letters before the serial number from tail rotor pitch change mechanism. Refer to BHT-230-CR&O-3, Chapter 64. Discard/scrap bellcranks and bearing sets. Retain remaining parts for reassembly.
2. Install new bellcranks P/N 222-012-727-105 with two (2) prefix letters scribed on the part before the serial number on tail rotor pitch change mechanism. Refer to BHT-230-CR&O-3, Chapter 64.

3. Remove from spare inventory all bellcranks P/N 222-012-727-105 without prefix letters before the serial number. Discard/scrap bellcranks.
4. Annotate aircraft records to reflect compliance with Part II of this bulletin.