

Bell Helicopter **TEXTRON**

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**INFORMATION LETTER 204-01-15
205-01-27
205B-01-8
212-01-41
UH-1H-II-01-8**

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 204, 205, 205B, 212, and UH-1H-II Series Helicopters

**SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON MEDIUM MAST ASB 204-00-51, Rev B
205-00-76, Rev B
205B-00-30, Rev B
212-00-106, Rev B
UH-1H-II-00-01, Rev B**

Bell Helicopter is providing the following information letter in an effort to update all owner / operators of mast availability to support requirements of the subject ASBs.

Subsequent to release of the ASBs, Bell experienced unanticipated delays from our vendors in the fabrication of replacement masts. We apologize for the hardship and inconvenience these delays brought to several operators. Finally however, full production of new masts has been achieved and backorders are rapidly decreasing.

Operators are now encouraged to complete the mast inspections as quickly as possible. Digital microscope inspection equipment will be available at Bell Service Centers around the world until year-end. Special warranty to include inspection costs is offered through the ASB compliance date of December 31, 2001.

Commercial Operators that have a mast requirement or that anticipate a requirement are urged to place an order as soon as possible to ensure production quantities are sufficient to meet demands.