

# **Bell Helicopter** **TEXTRON**

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**INFORMATION LETTER 204B-00-9  
205A1-00-22  
205B-00-3  
212-00-36  
UH-1H-II-00-2**

**TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 212/205B/205A-1/204B/UH-1H-II Helicopters**

**SUBJECT: MAIN ROTOR GRIP 204-011-121-121**

Bell Helicopter Textron has been actively involved in the investigation of a main rotor grip lower tang fracture that occurred on a model 212. The information provided to us on this incident indicates that the pilot heard a loud bang and a subsequent vibration was felt. The aircraft was subjected to an emergency landing without incident and upon inspection, it was found that the lower tang had fractured at the blade bolt bushing location.

Our preliminary findings on the grip tang fracture indicates that two chordwise fractures opposite to one another originated in the grip blade bolt bushing bore location. No apparent mechanical damage or corrosion was observed in the area of the fracture origin and further examination indicates that the grip material properties were acceptable. A more detailed investigation is in progress. We are treating this as a top priority and will notify you of the outcome.

Please be reminded to follow the current main rotor grip inspection requirements in accordance with the applicable Maintenance Manual.