

Bell Helicopter **TEXTRON**

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TO: All Owners/Operators of 206 Series Helicopters.

SUBJECT: HOSE ASSEMBLIES P/N AE1010354G0(*)*)(*) as used in EMERGENCY LIGHTWEIGHT FLOAT KITS P/N 206-706-210-ALL (206L series) AND 206-706-211-ALL (206A/B series)

The aft float bag (one per side) inflation hoses are equipped with one swivel end to reduce stresses on hoses and float bags during inflation. The swivel end should be installed on the inlet fitting of the float bag.

It has been brought to the attention of Bell Helicopter that subject hoses may be installed with the swivel end in the wrong location. Incorrect installation of the swivel hoses may lead to premature deterioration of both the hoses and the float bags.

We recommend that each operator pay attention to the location of the hose swivels when the bags are unpacked at the next 180 days periodic inflation test. Remove hoses that are incorrectly installed and reinstall correctly as required before inflation testing. Refer to the appropriate Service Instruction document.

The 206A/B series Service Instructions 206-115 and 206-123 show the correct location of the swivels for the left hand side only. The 206L series Service Instructions 206-2033 and 206-2046 do not address the location of the swivels. These omissions will be corrected at the next revision event for each document.

Note: This Info Letter applies also to alternate swivel hoses P/N A1942-(*) and P/N B912XO(*)*)(*)C.

(*) Brackets are used to indicate that various lengths of hoses are affected by this bulletin.

