

Bell Helicopter **TEXTRON**

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**INFORMATION LETTER 204-00-13
205-00-26
205B-00-7
212-00-40
UH-1H-II-00-7**

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 204B, 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 releasing the following information letter in an effort to keep all operators abreast of the mast situation.

To date approximately 1800 masts have been inspected and reported to Bell Helicopter. ASB compliance requirements state that inspection of the mast snap ring groove must be accomplished prior to or upon reaching 100,000 RIN or December 31, 2001. Operators that have masts under 100,000 RIN, that have not been inspected, are encouraged to accomplish the inspection at their earliest convenience. This will prevent an inspection backlog when calendar compliance requirement is reached..

Production rates of new masts are steadily increasing, and full production capability will be reached in the near future. A new vendor has been qualified which will further increase mast availability.

Again, Bell Helicopter regrets the inconvenience and timing of this ASB. Should any assistance be required or interpretation of the ASB requirements, contact Product Support Engineering.