

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

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**INFORMATION LETTER** 204-04-20  
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412CF-04-16  
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**TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 204, 205, 212, and 412 series Helicopters**

**SUBJECT: TAILBOOM STRAKE KIT (BOUNDARY LAYER RESEARCH INC)**

Bell Helicopter has received reports of cracks on model 212 and 412 tailbooms that are believed to be a result of the installation of the subject Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) kit. The typical reported crack starts at the strake upper attachment rivet hole at bulkhead station 143.38 and propagates up and forward. Bell Helicopter has not authorized the installation of this kit. We have informed the FAA of the above.

Bell Helicopter will continue to offer structural repair advice free-of-charge to operators who remove the kit from aircraft. Operators not wishing to remove this kit should contact the STC holder for a structural repair procedure at:

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