

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

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## **INFORMATION LETTER 222U-01-10**

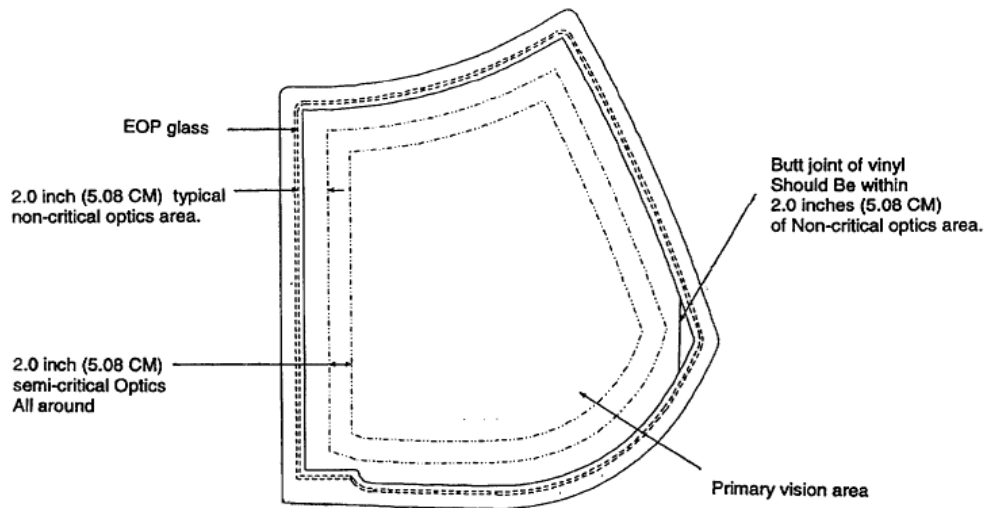
**TO:** All Owners/Operators of Bell 430 Helicopters.

**SUBJECT: WINDSHIELD, HEATED BIRD PROOF  
P/N 222-031-105-111 / -112**

This Information letter is to advise all owners and operators that Bell Helicopter Textron has received reports of a perceived crack in the lower outboard edges of the Left and Right hand bird proof windshields.

The heated bird proof windshields P/N 222-031-105-111 / -112 are manufactured using a multi-layered design. There is a vinyl film between the outer glass and the inner acrylic layer. This layer of vinyl has a butt joint due to the size of the material. This butt joint sometimes may appear as a crack near the lower outboard edge of the windshield. The location of the butt joint can be seen in figure 1. The butt joint may vary in intensity from unit to unit.

These butt joints are not a reason for rejection of windshields and will not cause the window layers to crack. These windshields meet Bell Helicopter design requirements.



**View Looking At Outer Surface**

**WINDSHIELD, HEATED BIRD PROOF P/N 222-031-105-111 / -112**

**FIGURE 1**